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Edmonton aims to bring back Games

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BID Edmonton politicians from all three levels of government say they're ready, they're set, and they're going to bring back the Summer University Games to Edmonton for 2015.

"The games will bring competitors from around the world and that will give us the chance to show our pride to the rest of the world," said Premier Ed Stelmach during a news conference yesterday.

All three levels of government will be supporting the bid, in principle, and Edmonton-Strathcona MP Rahim Jaffer says Ottawa would chip in to fund part of the Games.

The final bid package is due in March 2009 and will be revealed in May.

Other countries have expressed interest in the 2015 Games, including Spain, Korea, Brazil and Poland. The last time Canada hosted the event was in 1983 in Edmonton.

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Harper goes on offensive



Larry Hayes-Richards, left, and Rob Anderson, the first two patients in Canada to undergo the Targeted Muscle Reinnervation procedure, show off their bionic limbs yesterday at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Centre.

Bionic duo push limits

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We can rebuild them — we have the technology. Rob Anderson, 31, and Larry Hayes-Richards, 62, are the first Canadians with bionic arms.

They don't consider themselves six million dollar men, but the two Glenrose Rehabilitation Centre patients can move their artificial arms with their brains. "This is a true interface between the mind and an artificial limb," said Dr. Jackie Hebert, a Glenrose rehabilitation specialist. "There

haven't been advances for upper limbs since World War II — most people, until now, got hooks."

The prosthetic arms the men each wear are far from hooks, and are literally hard-wired into their nervous systems.

"I just think, and it happens," Anderson said, bending his new prosthetic arm at the elbow.

The technology, dubbed "targeted muscle reinnervation," starts with surgeons attaching severed nerves to

strong, healthy muscles in each man's chest. When they think about moving their prosthetic arm or hand, the re-routed nerves force muscles to move the prosthetic.

Anderson, a wildfire ranger, lost his left arm and leg in a devastating helicopter accident in 2006 while chasing a massive forest fire.

"I've always had the phantom sensation of a hand, that's always been there. Now, there's actually a reac-

tion to it. It's pretty amazing to just think and have it actually function," he said.

Hayes-Richards, who lost his arm a decade ago to a degenerative condition caused by a gymnastics injury, says it's amazing to be able to feel and move his arm again — not only in his mind.

"I can pick up things with a closed hand, put blocks on top of each other, things like that," Hayes-Richards said. "It seems pretty basic, but when you don't have an arm, it means the world."



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City to run pink for cancer research

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HEALTH A sea of pink will join the red and yellow colours of fall as thousands of runners flood Edmonton streets this weekend.

The 17th annual CIBC Run for the Cure takes off from Churchill Square on Sunday at 10 a.m.

The national event has grown since the inaugural run in 1992, when runners in Toronto raised \$85,000 for breast cancer research.

Now, single teams are raising tens of thousands of dollars to help fight breast cancer.

In Edmonton, Unified Alloys team captain Natalie Hughes and her team raked in a whopping \$42,000 for this year's run.

"When I was young, my mom was diagnosed with breast cancer. I didn't really know anything about it, except that she might not be around to see me grow up," Hughes said. "Because of events like this, she got to see me grow up, and I got to have a mom."

More

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If you're into one-of-a-kind fashion finds, mark Oct. 11 on your calendar. From 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., theARTery will be hosting "Guerrilla Boutique", a local designers market, packed to the rafters with locally made one-off pieces. Setting the soundtrack for the afternoon will be local band The Mitts. Admission is \$5 at the door, at 9535 Jasper Avenue. **METRO EDMONTON**

Guerrilla Boutique promises fashion finds

Local



Superstore to strike

Superstore workers will hit the picket lines on Monday after United Food and Commercial Workers Union members rejected an offer on Wednesday, and say they will strike until their demands are met. Employees are seeking a minimum \$1 per hour raise and a three- or four-year contract. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Hackers hit province

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Computer hackers have found cracks in provincial websites and targeted sensitive government information, including health records, financial statements and driver's licences, Alberta's auditor general said yesterday.

"Footprints" had been left from outside sources, showing confidential information had been accessed, said Auditor General Fred Dunn.

"We don't know how they did it, or what they took from those sites," said

Dunn.

"Because information security in the government is not consistently enforced, all information assets are exposed to unacceptable risk."

Dunn said no one over-looks the province's security online, and recommended the province look into building a central security office to deter hackers.

The auditor general's office says it also identified a "disappointingly" large number of vulnerabilities in 69 government websites it audited in May.

Dunn said the province has also failed to protect its physical database,

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Fred Dunn

which is kept behind an insecure door, along with a keypad that has a note above it with a code.

"We're not aware of anyone being impacted by this, but there is a risk," said Dunn.

Dunn said the province is already taking steps to improve its computer security after it notified government officials about it last spring.

Greenhouse plan short on information: Dunn

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The Alberta government's plan to control greenhouse gases doesn't prove how it would achieve carbon targets, and could be a waste of taxpayers' money, says Alberta's financial watchdog.

"Alberta could spend a lot of money, but not achieve emissions targets, or we could achieve targets, but not cost effectively," said

Auditor General Fred Dunn yesterday.

About 70 per cent of the plan rests on the government's highly touted carbon-capture technology, but Dunn says the rest of the plan raises concerns.

Premier Ed Stelmach committed \$2 billion into the plan last summer to develop the technology, along with cutting greenhouse gases by 14 per cent below 2005 levels by 2050.

Dunn says the plan con-



Fred Dunn

More changes

Other recommendations and highlights Alberta's auditor general made include:

- New province-wide standards need to be made in addressing mental health.
- Government disclosure of hiring and salary for provincial agency CEOs.
- Alberta Treasury Branch Financial requires significant systems upgrades in order to manage treasury risks.

tains insufficient information on how the province would reduce levels.

Former news publisher new U of A chancellor



Incoming chancellor Linda Hughes with her predecessor, Eric Newell.

EDUCATION A former newspaper executive has been named the University of Alberta's 19th chancellor.

Former Edmonton Journal publisher Linda Hughes has succeeded previous title holder Eric Newell.

Hughes, an active volunteer, chairs the Committee to End Homelessness, serves on the board of Royal Alexandra Hospital

Foundation, and recently spent two months in Bhutan, helping to prepare a daily newspaper to serve in the nation's new democracy.

The U of A chancellor acts as honorary head of the university. Hughes' term begins in November, and will last four years.

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University Combating the housing shortage



Alex Caldararu, left, and Sheldon Tibbo assemble their tent in the Quad common area at the U of A yesterday afternoon for the Camp Out in Quad. The campout was organized by Student Council as a fun way to raise awareness about the affordable housing shortage in the city.

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What's online today.

Check out full coverage of last night's leaders' debates at www.metronews.ca/election
Watch as a man from Millet fights to keep his dog sanctuary open

News in brief

ESCAPE Police are on the lookout for an escaped killer on the loose. Convicted murderer Jason Horse escaped from the Stan Daniels Healing Centre. Horse was serving a life sentence for second-degree murder. He is described as 35 years old with black hair and

brown eyes, stands five foot eleven inches tall, and weighs 219 pounds. At the time of the breakout, there were 26 inmates and 29 conditionally-released offenders in residence at the minimum-security prison.

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Chiropractic care needs to be overhauled: Lawyer

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A lawsuit against Alberta chiropractors raises alarms about chiropractic care, says an Edmonton law firm pursuing a half-billion-dollar class

action lawsuit.

Mark Ellett, a 25-year-old construction worker, claims he visited for a month and a half at an Edmonton chiropractic treatment centre after suffering from back pain.

When the chiropractor applied extra pressure to El-

lett's neck in one visit, the worker claimed he felt stroke-like symptoms an hour later.

"I became very disorientated, I was immediately intoxicated, and I couldn't stand and speak, my delivery was off, and my balance was just awful," said Ellett

who is represented in the lawsuit.

Ellett says his family picked him up from the centre and took him to hospital where he was treated with anti-clotting medication to prevent him from having a stroke.

"The lawsuit challenges

the wisdom of this practice that goes unregulated by the government," said Phillip Tinkler, a lawyer with Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP.

"It's a practice that hasn't shown its utility in health care and it's been shown to be palpably dangerous."

Tinkler wouldn't say how

many clients the firm is representing.

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Lottery Win \$2.5M with Oilers



Edmonton Oilers captain Ethan Moreau speaks at a news conference held at the Inner City High School. The Oilers are again sponsoring a lottery to benefit the school. The team hopes to raise \$1 million. First prize in the Winner's Choice Lottery is an estate home in St. Albert or \$2.5 million in cash.

More teenagers finishing high school in Edmonton

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High school kids are getting a little bit closer to making the grade, an Edmonton Public Schools report concludes.

Since 2000, the district's high school completion rate has risen 10.1 per cent, increasing to 74.3 per cent.

"This is an extremely important result for us, because it means that more doors are open for those students than ever before,"

"This is an extremely important result for us."

Jenise Bidlock

said Edmonton public assistant superintendent Jenise Bidlock.

Though numbers are up, the district still falls below the provincial rate, which was nearly 80 per cent in 2007.

"If our students don't graduate from high school, it means they don't have as many opportunities at life," she said. "It's extremely important for us that 100 per cent of our students graduate from high school or equivalent."

Alberta's dropout rate remains highest in Canada.

Woman killed in ATV crash

CRASH An ATV crash southeast of Edmonton has claimed the life of a 39-year-old woman.

Emergency crews were called to a rural range road near Edberg, about 125 km southeast of Edmonton about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The woman had been riding in a ditch and lost control of a 2008 Yamaha Grizzly ATV, slamming into a

power pole. She died en route to the hospital.

The woman was wearing a helmet and alcohol was not believed to be a factor, Bashaw RCMP Cst. Ferlin Desjarlais said.

So far, this year, there have been 47 ATV deaths in RCMP jurisdictions across Canada, 16 of them in Alberta.

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Officials are looking for 27 people who were exposed to tuberculosis during a Greyhound bus trip from Toronto to Detroit in late August. The Ontario Health Ministry said it has been aware of the incident for "quite a while" and publicized it in hopes of finding the 27 passengers who left the bus in Windsor, Ont. **REUTERS**

Canada



Wanted, \$10,000 reward

The Canadian Bankers Association is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a man Toronto police have dubbed the Exchange Bandit. Police suspect that one man has robbed more than 26 financial institutions in Ontario since 2003. **REUTERS**

Man dead after mid-day shooting

B.C. A man died in hospital yesterday following a brazen mid-day shooting in the underground parking lot at a Vancouver mall.

The shooting, at 2:09 p.m., was likely targeted and gang-related, said Vancouver Const. Tim Fanning. "These suspects were either laying in wait or followed our victim and took the opportunity in the underground here at Oakridge to open fire on him," Fanning said.

Witnesses at the mall reported hearing 10 to 20 shots. Two suspects were seen fleeing the lot on foot.

Daytime shootings are rare, he said, adding it is "concerning when you have shots being fired in a busy parking lot... It is fortunate that no one else was shot." The victim has not been publicly identified.

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Halifax Democracy 250



Wanda White holds daughter Calliope Aulenback as they greet visitors to Province House in Halifax yesterday. The pair was dressed in 1750s-era clothing to celebrate the 250th anniversary of parliamentary democracy in Nova Scotia.

Marching for rights

Protesters take to Toronto streets to defend migrants

More than 100 protesters yesterday marched down the middle of Toronto's Yonge St. to support Isabel Garcia, an asylum seeker who has gone into hiding in the city to avoid being deported.

Garcia, who fled an abusive husband in 2005, brought the YWCA and Amnesty International to a Queen's Park news conference before the march. They were among more than 120 human rights and women's groups supporting the migrant rights group No One Is Illegal in presenting a list of demands for migrant rights

list of demands

- Immediately stop all deportation orders against women and children facing deportation who are trying to escape violence.
- Order Canada Border Services and local police to treat shelters and settlement centres as off-limits for arrests.
- Create the Refugee Appeal

Division to hear refugee board negative decisions.

- Guarantee a consistent and knowledgeable immigration system to deal with women trying to escape violence.
- Give temporary foreign workers, particularly nannies, permanent residence status on arrival.

to the federal government.

No One Is Illegal had asked all four federal parties to respond. NDP MP Olivia Chow, the immigration critic, and Mississauga Brampton South Green

candidate Grace Yogaretnam gave written support and turned up for the news conference. The Liberals promised a reply in seven days. The Tories did not respond. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Beetles may hold key to medical discoveries

SCIENCE The pine beetles that are massacring forests across the continent may soon prove a boon to human health, a new study in the prestigious journal Science suggests.

The exotic bacteria and fungi that the pests carry on their bodies could prove a treasure trove in the search for new antibiotic medications, the study's authors argue.

"No one has ever looked where we're looking and that is what I think is important," says study co-author Jon Clardy, a biological chemist and the Hsien Wu and Daisy Yen Wu Professor at the Harvard Medical School in Cambridge, Mass.

The researchers looked at the Southern Pine Beetle, a close relative of the Mountain Pine variety that is killing off vast tracts of British Colum-

bia's forests. These beetles burrow into the bark of the coniferous trees where they lay eggs and produce larvae that feed on the plant's life-giving outer layer.

The study found this process was far more complex than originally thought; the beetle and its tree-destroying offspring are also dependent on a pair of microbes to survive.

These microbes — an antibiotic-producing bacterium and a fungus — are born within the mother beetle and injected into the tree.

The "beneficial fungi," however, are vulnerable to a second fungal species, also carried on the mother beetle that can kill off the former, Currie says.

But this second fungus is kept in check by a third microbe — the antibiotic bacterium.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Youth urged to vote today

Election 2008

YOUTH VOTER DAY In a bid to get more young people to vote in the election, young members of the Green and Liberal parties are urging peers to cast their ballots today — in the first advance poll, when there will be shorter lineups and less pressure.

Dubbing today Youth Voter Day on posters and flyers, organizers say they hope students will find the whole process of voting less intimidating by doing it early, said Katie Gibbs, co-chair of the Young Greens, which proposed the idea and has drawn the support of the Young Liberals of Canada.

"Students are rarely on the voter list, so sometimes it takes a few minutes for them to provide the right identification when they go to vote, and they will be less rushed at an advance poll which is less crowded," said Gibbs.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

OTTAWA The city will study a system to license its private landlords, despite a caution from its bylaw department and over the objections of property owners.


REVIEW A review of old shaken-baby deaths should be undertaken nationally, not just

in Ontario, because it's likely others across the country have been convicted of injuring or killing children based on faulty science, says a prominent advocate for the wrongly convicted.


ALBERTA People in Edson, Alta., have altered their daily

routines while police search for the man who killed a 14-year-old girl in broad daylight on the weekend, CBC News Online reports. The community's three schools are keeping doors locked all day and children have no outdoor recess.

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Election 2008

Harper goes on offensive

A more assertive Prime Minister Stephen Harper pushed back at his four political rivals last night, charging that their prescriptions for the economy would sink Canada into recession.

For the second night in a row, Harper faced the country's other party leaders around an oval table and was battered by accusations his conservative economic philosophy was too close to Washington's.

In contrast to Wednesday's French-language debate, the Conservative

"We have not been following the same policies of the United States. The economic and financial mess in the United States is disastrous."

Stephen Harper

leader didn't hold back his jabs. He accused Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion of "panicking," and moved to distance himself from the economic policies of U.S. President George W. Bush.

"We have not been following the same policies of the United States. The economic and financial mess in the United States is disastrous," Harper said. "The

policies have been irresponsible. We've made very different choices in Canada."

On a day when Toronto's stock exchange plunged 814 points, falling below the 11,000 mark for the first time in more than two years, the economic focus took on heightened meaning for leaders and voters.

Even the section devoted to the environment was

talked about in economic terms.

Dion, NDP Leader Jack Layton and Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe sat on one side, a united front bolstered by Green Leader Elizabeth May, who flanked Harper on the other side of the table.

All four ganged up on Harper on the environment, criminal law reform

and controversial cuts to arts programming as moderator Steve Paikin worked hard to police the debate.

But it was the economy that dominated the discussion — and laid bare the political tensions.

Opposition leaders accused Harper of turning a blind eye to the economic turmoil and the toll it is taking on Canadians.

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Watch what happens behind-the-scenes at a leaders' debate at metronews.ca/election

Debate quick hits

Highlights from last night's federal election debate:

Heated Exchange:

NDP Leader Jack Layton baits Prime Minister Stephen Harper on the economy, saying he either doesn't care or he's incompetent, adding, "Where's the platform, under the sweater?" You could almost see the steam escape from Harper's ears.

Most Long-Winded Answer: Pick one.

Dirtiest Shot: Harper tries to say he's the only one who has never used private health care. Cries of "cheap shot" go around the table as Layton had hernia surgery at the Shouldice Clinic in the 1990s.

Left Out In The Cold:

Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe, who had nothing to gain or lose in this debate.

Best Dressed:

Duceppe in his blue pin-stripe suit.

Most Polite: Green party Leader Elizabeth May by far. The other leaders, especially Layton, often came off as angry and hyperbolic. Her poise raised the bar.

Worst Mistake: Harper to May after she calls his environmental policies a fraud, "You learned how to say that in French last night." So much for the sweater-wearing nice guy.

Knockout Blow:

Duceppe nails Harper on wanting to send Canadian soldiers to Iraq in 2003, forcing him to admit that it would have been a U.S.-led error.

BRIAN TOWIE
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Election Tour Canada

Highlights of the week's election campaign from Metro newsrooms across the nation

EDMONTON

Things were getting hot in Edmonton's eastern suburbs as NDP candidate Brian Labelle railed against a Sherwood Park Chamber of Commerce forum that charges candidates \$220 to participate. The chamber in the community of 60,000 on Edmonton's eastern boundary defended the fee as necessary to cover costs. Labelle — on voters' radar since his dad was convicted of threatening to kill Premier Ed Stelmach's cows — said he wouldn't participate if he had to pay. The controversy was defused when an anonymous donor volunteered to foot the bill. There was no word on whether the chamber would continue its practice of charging candidates for the privilege of participating in a debate.

CALGARY

Calgary Northeast independent conservative candidate Roger Richard was ordered to change his signs and pamphlets by an Alberta Court of Queens bench judge

who said they too closely resembled Conservative Party of Canada candidate Devinder Shory's signs, which could confuse voters. Former Liberal prime minister Paul Martin and prized Liberal candidate Bob Rae will be visiting the city today in an effort to bolster support.

VANCOUVER

Jack Layton had to defend another B.C. NDP candidate this week after the Liberals brought to light a year-old radio interview where New Democrat Bev Colins said she believes the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks were the result of a conspiracy. She has since issued a statement saying she now believes terrorists are behind the attacks.

OTTAWA

From glad-handing in the safe Aylmer riding of Gatineau, to visiting the specialty-nursing program at Algonquin College, Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion made the capital the focus of his election campaign to start last week. But the real

spotlight shined on Ottawa Wednesday and last night, when the televised leaders' debates — featuring Green party Leader Elizabeth May for the first time ever — overtook the National Arts Centre. There was a festive atmosphere as Greens rallied among other political supporters outside the NAC to greet May as she arrived for the debates, and at nearby pubs afterwards, where local Green candidates, volunteers and supporters had rented space to hold Survivor-style TV parties to watch the debates together, complete with decorations and people dressing up to the Green theme.

TORONTO

Bob Rae, Liberal MP and incumbent for Toronto Centre, alleged Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who led the opposition in 2003, plagiarized a pro-Iraq war speech from then Australian prime minister John Howard. One could argue the move was a stab at solid Conservative support going into the de-

bate to be sure, but the latest poll numbers suggest the allegation had little to no effect, despite the story making international headlines. NDP Leader Jack Layton unveiled his ambitious and expensive platform in Toronto on Sunday. His \$18-billion plan includes rolling back corporate tax cuts, a monthly child-benefits cheque of \$400 and \$400 million a year from federal gas taxes applied to public transit. This last proposal might just be music to the ears of riders on the TTC — a system so plagued by frequent delays it has earned itself the handle "Take The Car."

MONTREAL

On Wednesday, a Montreal newspaper published excerpts of Julie Couillard's book, *My Life*, about her past relationship with ex-foreign affairs minister Maxime Bernier, who is running again in Beauce, near Quebec City. Although Couillard is talking about a man who referred to Stephen Harper as a "Pepsi drinker" and who asked her to

throw top-secret documents in the garbage, Beauce voters still seem to be rooting for Bernier. Bernier denied all the allegations on Wednesday, saying his only mistake was to go out with Couillard.

HALIFAX

The Atlantic Liberal caucus launched its plan for the region this week in Halifax, and the green they were offering wasn't for Mother Nature. The party had lots of goodies for students: 300,000 more student bursaries, a six-month to two-year interest-free grace period for student loans, and guaranteed minimum loans for everyone, no matter what their income. Of course, that only works if they win. Meanwhile, retired justice Merlin Nunn entered the political fray, blasting the Conservatives' call for longer jail terms for young offenders. Nunn is the judge who wrote the report on Archie Billard and the youth justice system in Nova Scotia, so he might have a clue what he's talking about.

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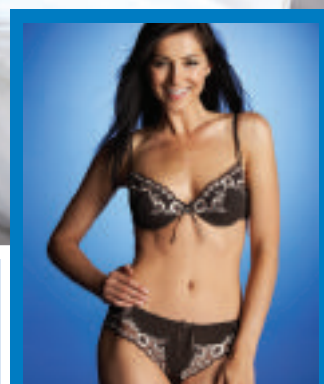
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A New York City police lieutenant committed suicide yesterday, eight days after ordering the use of a Taser stun gun against an emotionally disturbed man who then fell to his death, police said. Lt. Michael Pigott had been on desk duty since the Sept. 24 incident. **REUTERS**

World

Hayek helps tetanus fight

Actress Salma Hayek appealed yesterday to mothers to support a global campaign to eliminate tetanus, which kills a newborn baby every three minutes in a poor country. For each specially-marked pack of Pampers diapers sold through year-end, Procter & Gamble has pledged to donate a vaccine. **Reuters**

Remains located in Fossett crash

ACCIDENT Crash site investigators found human remains in the wreckage of Steve Fossett's small plane on a remote California mountain, the head of the National Transportation Safety Board said yesterday.



Mark Rosenker, acting NTSB chairman, said that search crews had found a "very small" amount of human remains amid

the airplane's debris. He declined to provide details, adding that local officials will be responsible for examining the remains.

"It will be taken by the sheriff and the coroner and they will do the work," Rosenker said.

Earlier he noted that a judge had declared Fossett dead. Fossett vanished after taking off on Sept. 3 of last year from an airstrip in Nevada. "Our job is to determine what happened on the mountain," Rosenker said. **REUTERS**



Democratic nominee Joe Biden and Republican nominee Sarah Palin appear onstage during the vice-presidential debate last night at Washington University in St. Louis.

VP candidates clash

Palin holds own in much-anticipated debate

Republican Sarah Palin and Democrat Joe Biden clashed on the economy and Iraq during a lively but polite debate last night, and aimed most criticism at their rivals at the top of the ticket.

In the only vice presidential debate ahead of the Nov. 4 election, Biden accused Republican presi-

The winner is...?

Two polls taken after the debate, by CNN and CBS News, judged Biden the winner, but the CNN poll found a big majority thought Palin did better than expected.

Cain of being "out of touch" on the economic crisis and said he was "no maverick" on crucial issues facing Americans.

Palin said Democratic White House candidate Barack Obama was too partisan to work across party

lines to accomplish change and was waving a "white flag of surrender" in Iraq.

With all eyes on Palin in her national debut in an unscripted format, the Alaska governor turned in a steady and aggressive performance that featured repeated attacks on Obama and pledges she and McCain would work for the middle-class.

Biden pledged he and Obama would end the war. Obama is an early critic of the Iraq war who has called for a 16-month timeline to withdraw U.S. troops. **REUTERS**

Debt buying could take weeks: White House

MONEY The White House said yesterday it was "fairly optimistic" the U.S. House of Representatives would pass a \$700 billion U.S. financial rescue bill today, but it would likely take "at least weeks" for the Treasury Department to begin buying bad debt.

Passage of the bill would open the way for the rescue measure to be sent to President George W. Bush's desk to be signed into law.

"We feel fairly optimistic that we have a good chance for a successful vote tomorrow," White House spokesman Tony

More charges

The U.S. will bring more charges as warranted in its probe of corporate fraud in the collapse of the mortgage industry, Deputy Attorney General Mark Filip said yesterday.

Fratto told reporters.

The Senate passed a revised \$700 billion bailout plan on Wednesday night, and its fate now lies with the House, which had rejected an earlier version and is expected to vote on the new bill today. **REUTERS**

EU rescue fund rejected

MONEY The European Central Bank's chief and the chairman of euro zone finance ministers sided with Germany yesterday in rejecting any need for a European rescue fund for banks suffering from the global financial crisis.

The announcement put an end to uncertainty about

a meeting Paris has pushed for, due to disagreements among the main European Union governments on the right response to the deepening credit crunch.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy is set to host a summit on the global financial crisis with EU leaders tomorrow. **REUTERS**

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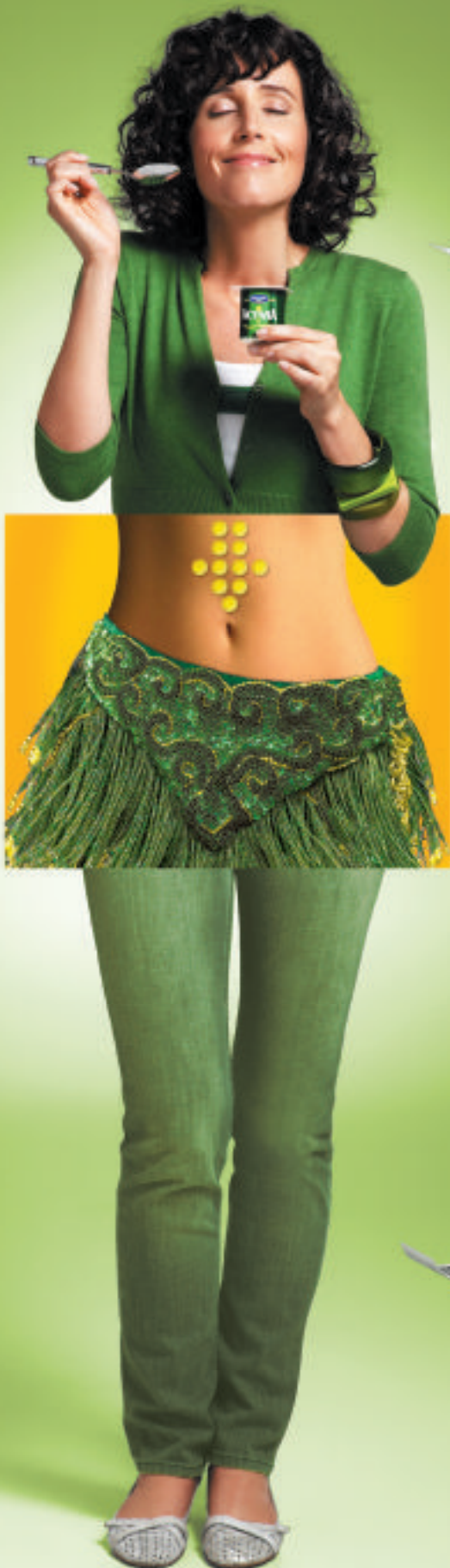
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Business

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In brief

AIRLINES Despite a drop in short-term travel during the credit crisis, WestJet Airlines Ltd. said it won't revise its planned 18 per cent growth rate. **REUTERS**

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Commodity fears sink TSX

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"The Canadian market always gets hit harder when commodities go down because we're a commodity-driven economy," said analyst Barry Allan.

Energy, metals and agricultural commodities make up more than half of

Canada's exports. The United States buys about three quarters of the total.

The S&P/TSX composite index fell 813.97 points, or about seven per cent, to close at 10,900.54; its biggest drop since Oct. 25, 2000. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Energy industry feels election heat

CONTROLS Already struggling with increased costs at oilsands projects, the energy industry now also faces tighter environmental controls as green concerns become a dominant

election issue, analysts say. Politicians are promising restrictions on CO2 emission levels and bans on exports of oilsands bitumen to more environmentally lax countries. **REUTERS**

Crisis Sarkozy on finance offence



France's President Nicolas Sarkozy delivers a speech at the business and financial outlook for the written press industry at the Elysée Palace in Paris yesterday.

Manufacturers ask for tax cut lifeline

PLEA Trade and industry association Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME) called for more government support for the country's battered manufacturing sector, in the form of tax writeoffs credits, and exemptions in research and development, training and wealth management to foster growth and investments.

Without it, CME's president said, the economy could be at risk. **REUTERS**

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NHL Preview

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Expect Kid Line to improve

Oilers look to build off late-season surge as star players return from injuries

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"I think they're not only going to duplicate it, they're going to improve upon it. They're all guys who are just scratching the surface of the type of players they're going to be."

Craig MacTavish, on Gagner, Cogliano and Nilsson

The Oilers were one of the hottest teams in the NHL stretch drive last season, going 14-5-1 in their final 20 games with an injury-depleted lineup led by Sam Gagner, Andrew Cogliano and Robert Nilsson.

The question going into 2008-09 is simple: Can the Oilers pick up where they left off — in a frantic play-off bid that fell short — and climb back into the post-season after two straight years out?

"We're getting guys back into this lineup and they're quality guys, impact guys," said first-line centre Shawn Horcoff, a spectator for the final 29 games a year ago because of a shoulder injury.

"That leaves the level of expectation a little bit higher — not just with the fans but with the players and the organization and the coaching staff. It's probably at an all-time high since I've been here."

Optimism abounds, especially with the additions of Eric Cole, obtained from Carolina, Lubomir Vis-

novsky, who came from Los Angeles, and the return of power-play catalyst Sheldon Souray, Horcoff and captain Ethan Moreau from long-term injuries. All told, the Oilers established a franchise record with 346 man-games lost to injury.

The Oilers' fortunes will hinge on avoiding a repeat of the injury parade and on the play of Gagner, who tallied 13-36-49 as a rookie, Cogliano, who had 18-27-45 in his first season, and Nilsson, who registered 10-



Known as the kid line, Robert Nilsson, Sam Gagner and Andrew Cogliano, will be counted on by the Edmonton Oilers to build on their surprisingly effective play last season.

31-41.

"I think they're not only going to duplicate it, they're going to improve upon it," MacTavish said of the trio. "They're all guys who are just scratching the

surface of the type of players they're going to be.

"They have a year of experience under their belt, they know how to play the game, they have a high skill level. There's every

reason to think they're not only going to pick up where they left off, but be more prolific."

YOU SHOULD KNOW ... the Oilers play 12 of their first 15 games on the road,

so matching or improving on last season's 18-18-5 road record early will be a key to their fortunes ... the Oilers led the NHL in shootout wins with 15 in 2007-08, going 15-4.



Shawn Horcoff returns to the Edmonton Oilers after missing the second half of the season due to injury. In the off-season, Horcoff signed a six-year contract extension worth \$33 million US.

Horcoff ready for battle

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Having missed out on the stretch drive last season, Shawn Horcoff has lots of motivation to get in on the fun this time around.

A shoulder injury ended Horcoff's 2007-08 campaign after 53 games, making him a spectator during a 20-game stretch in which the Oilers went 14-5-1 in a failed playoff bid.

Healthy, not to mention wealthy, after inking a six-year contract extension worth \$33 million US, Horcoff's ready to roll.

"I feel energetic and stronger because of the amount of time I had to work out and train this summer," he said. "I'm

Oilers quick hits

- 2007-08: 41-35-6 88 pts. Ninth in the Western Conference
- **WHO'S GONE:** Matt Greene, Joni Pitkanen,

Marty Reasoner, Geoff Sander-son, Jarret Stoll, Raffi Torres.
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champing at the bit here to get things going."

Second in team scoring with 21-29-50, Horcoff will begin this season between Ales Hemsky and newcomer Erik Cole.

"When you're viewed as a first-line player, it doesn't matter how much you're making, you're expected to produce and be a consistent force out there," Horcoff said.

Points don't tell the whole story with Horcoff — he's the team's best

faceoff man and a key penalty killer — but he admits he'd like to take a run at the point-a-game pace he was on last season.

"Absolutely," he said. "I do set individual goals, but I've never been one to state them publicly."

"When you're in an offensive role, a good benchmark is being that point-a-game guy. It's not the easiest thing to do, but you have to set attainable goals. I think that's one of them."

NHL Preview

Wings on track for a repeat

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Veteran **Mats Sundin** will be relaxing in Sweden, goaltender **Roberto Luongo** is adding a captaincy to his portfolio and that old familiar theme song (da-da-da-da-da) has jumped from Hockey Night in Canada to TSN.

Yet, with the NHL poised to launch its 2008-09 season this weekend, some things haven't changed a bit.

The Detroit Red Wings, for instance, remain the clear-cut class of the NHL

and the consensus is that they'll breeze to a successful defence of their Stanley Cup championship.

"I don't see anything tripping up the Wings," HNIC analyst **Don Cherry** said. "I see no weakness at all on this team. There's nothing wrong with them. If you're betting, you've got to bet on Detroit to win it all again this year."

Of course, if you bet on the Wings, you're taking the favourite. Oddsmakers have listed them as the cream of the NHL's crop, at 7-to-2. Even star forward **Marian Hossa** is gambling on the Wings, in reality, because he left millions of dollars on the free-agent table to play with Detroit this season.

Ditto for **Dan Cleary**. Com-

Super Luongo

• From Yahoo NHL expert Ross McKeon: "Hate to hit on the obvious, but it looks like Roberto Luongo is going to have to be Superman to keep the Canucks afloat."

bine these gunners with superstars such as **Nicklas Lidstrom**, **Henrik Zetterberg** and **Pavel Datsyuk** and it's simple to understand why the Wings are generally perceived as the team to beat. They have scorers and grit on every line. They have an outstanding defence corps. They've been there and they've done it. And they should do it again.

But can any of the Canadian teams threaten them?

Perhaps the Montreal Canadiens. Celebrating their 100th anniversary, the Habs aren't ranked too far in arrears of the Wings, at 8-to-1.

"Montreal has assembled a massive amount of young talent," TSN analyst **Pierre McGuire** said. "They have an unbelievable amount of defensive wealth. And (Montreal goaltender **Carey Price**) has the ultimate opportunity to be one of the most dominant players in the game. The Canadiens could be great this year."

As for the rest of Canada's teams, well, not so much.

The Edmonton Oilers have a nifty blend of youth and experience and could push for a division title but McGuire warns of

a potential controversy at goaltender, where veteran **Dwayne Roloson** isn't pleased as **Mathieu Garon's** backup.

Oddsmakers list the Oilers' Stanley Cup chances at 20-to-1. The Ottawa Senators, perennial contenders, aren't far behind, at 22-to-1. Then come the Calgary Flames at 25-to-1, the Luongo-led Vancouver Canucks at 44-to-1 and the Sundin-less Toronto Maple Leafs at 100-to-1.

"The Leafs were terrible last season," said **Mike Milbury** of CBC and NBC, "and I don't see any reason why they'll be better this season. In fact, I think they'll be worse."

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

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Oilers games for 2008-9

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18 Calgary, 8
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17 at Detroit, 5:30
18 at Columbus, 5
20 Detroit, 7
26 Los Angeles, 8
29 at St. Louis, 12
30 at Dallas, 4

DECEMBER

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5 at Los Angeles, 8:30
6 at San Jose, 8
11 Florida, 7
13 Vancouver, 8
16 Chicago, 7
17 at Vancouver, 8
19 Anaheim, 7
22 Phoenix, 7
26 at Vancouver, 8
28 Nashville, 6
30 Ottawa, 7
31 at Calgary, 8

JANUARY

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5 N.Y. Islanders, 7
7 Vancouver, 7
9 San Jose, 7
11 St. Louis, 6
13 at Washington, 5
15 at Minnesota, 6
16 at Colorado, 7:30
18 Phoenix, 7
20 Columbus, 7
27 Buffalo, 7
30 Minnesota, 7

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8 at Minnesota, 1
11 Montreal, 7
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16 at Phoenix, 7:30
17 at San Jose, 8:30
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24 Tampa Bay, 7
26 Columbus, 7
28 Minnesota, 8

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22 at Minnesota, 1
24 Detroit, 7:30
26 at Phoenix, 8
27 at Anaheim, 8
29 Minnesota, 6
31 Anaheim, 7

APRIL

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4 Vancouver, 8
7 Los Angeles, 7
10 Calgary, 7
11 at Calgary, 8
(home games in bold)

Ottawa



• 2007-08: 43-31-8 94 Pts. Seventh in the Eastern Conference.

• **HIGHLY OFFENSIVE:** The Senators had the most goals for (258) in the NHL last season.

• **BIG TOP:** Ottawa's top line of Jason Spezza, Daniel Alfredsson and Dany Heatley combined for a total of 115 goals in 2007-08.

• **NEARING 500:** F Dany Heatley begins the year with 471 regular season points in his career.

• **THE 700 CLUB:** D Chris Phillips is one game shy of 700.

• **VETERAN:** D Luke Richardson will be playing in his 21st NHL season after beginning his career in 1987. The Ottawa native has played more than 1400 games with 35-166-201 points and 2,053 penalty minutes.

• **WHO'S GONE:** Forwards Cory Stillman, Brian McGrattan, Martin Lapointe and Randy Robitaille. Defencemen Mike Commodore, Andrej Meszaros and Wade Redden. Goalie Ray Emery

• **WHO'S NEW:** Defencemen Jason Smith, Filip Kubisa, Alexandre Picard. Forwards Jarkko Ruutu and Jesse Winchester. Goaltender Alex Auld.

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Toronto



• 2007-08: 36-35-11 83 pts. Twelfth in the Eastern Conference.

• **WITHOUT A CAPTAIN:** Toronto had a decent offensive attack last year, as it was 11th in the NHL with an average of 2.78 goals per game, but the status of their leading scorer and former captain Mats Sundin is in limbo.

• **FIGHTER:** Winger Jason Blake had a trying 2007-08 campaign as he announced last October that he had a highly-treatable form of leukemia. Blake still played in all 82 games and was fourth on Toronto's roster with 52 points (15g, 37a).

• **GETTING DEFENSIVE:** The Leafs defense was awful last year, giving up 3.12 goals per game (27th in the NHL), an average that was good for 27th in the NHL.

• **SAVING GRACE:** The Leafs acquired Vesa Toskala in a trade last off-season and he impressed with a 33-25-6 record and decent numbers in goals against average (2.74) and save percentage (.904).

• **IN THE END:** Unless Toskala carries the team on his back, Toronto is likely headed for its fourth straight year without a trip to the postseason.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Montreal



• 2007-08: 47-25-10 104 pts. First in the Eastern Conference.

• **FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE:** The 35-year-old Alexei Kovalev notched 35 goals and 49 assists last season for easily his best season since recording 95 points in the 2000-01 campaign.

• **TOUGH GUY:** The Habs had a huge pickup came in the form of the 6-3, 243-pound winger Georges Laraque, one of the league's top enforcers.

• **PAIRED UP:** Andrei Markov will once again be paired with the immense Mike Komisarek, who packs a wallop at 6-4, 242 pounds and was a plus-nine for the Habs last year. The 26-year-old also had 17 points (4g, 13a) and 101 penalty minutes in 2007-08.

• **THE PRICE IS RIGHT:** 20-year-old rookie Carey Price played well down the stretch for the Habs and ended the season with a 24-12-3 record to go along with a solid 2.56 goals against average and .920 save percentage.

• **EYING STANLEY:** Last year wasn't a fluke. Expect Montreal to challenge for the No. 1 seed in the East once again and don't be shocked if the team wins it all.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Calgary



• 2007-08: 42-30-10 94 pts. Seventh in the Western Conference.

• **STEADY DOES IT:** Calgary's captain combines speed, size, skill and toughness and it's a formula that translates into steady production. Jarome Iginla has averaged 40.4 goals per season over the last seven campaigns.

• **INTIMIDATOR:** The 23-year-old Phaneuf is an intimidating presence on the ice, a player who can deliver points as well as high-light-reel bodychecks. Last year, Phaneuf was fourth on the Flames with 60 points and tops on the club with 182 penalty minutes.

• **ON THE DOWN SLIDE?:** Goaltender Miikka Kiprusoff posted a solid record of 39-26-10, but both his goals against average (2.69) and save percentage (.906) were his worst marks since the Flames acquired him early in the 2003-04 season.

• **FINDING THE RIGHT FIT:** If Darryl Sutter and Mike Keenan can come up with the right line combinations the result could be an offense that doesn't solely rely on Iginla for points the Flames could make a deep postseason charge.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Vancouver



• 2007-08: 39-33-10 88 pts. Eleventh in the Western Conference.

• **"Yeah, but who is going to score goals?":** For the third straight year, that's the main question in Vancouver. There's no easy answer based on what's been assembled over the summer, but GM Mike Gillis believes the move to a more up tempo style of play will result in more scoring.

• **THE BIG 'C':** Roberto Luongo's invisible "C" stands for "cash", as he's been money between the pipes.

• **VETERAN'S CLUB:** Mattias Ohlund, Willie Mitchell, and Sami Salo anchor a deep blue-line.

• **21 JUMP STREET:** Sophomore Alex Edler will be asked to join the rush more often, as will Kevin Bieksa.

• **TWIN BURNER:** Newcomer Steve Bernier is this year's triplet on the Sedin line.

• **SEEING STARS?:** Pavol Demitra will play with Taylor Pyatt and Mason Raymond, who he says remind him of Keith Tkachuk and Marian Gaborik.

• **BOTTOM LINE:** The Canucks' stingy defence puts them in the dogfight for one of the final three playoff spots in the West.

METRO CANADA

Red Wings veteran defenceman Chris Chelios suffered a fractured right tibia and will be out of the Detroit lineup for three-to-six weeks. Chelios suffered the injury while blocking a shot during the third period of Tuesday's preseason loss to the Montreal Canadiens. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Longoria leads the way

Rookie infielder hits pair of homers to lead Rays to win

Rays 6, White Sox 4

Evan Longoria finished 3-for-3 with two home runs and three RBI as Tampa Bay made its postseason debut a winning one, with a 6-4 triumph last night over the Chicago White Sox in Game 1 of the American League Division Series from Tropicana Field.

"Honestly, I wasn't surprised. He's always in the moment," said Rays manager Joe Maddon of Longoria. "He's not going to be overwhelmed by the situation, and that speaks beyond his skill level."

Akinori Iwamura was 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored for the Rays, who earned the first playoff berth in franchise history by winning the AL East with a 97-65 record.

Willy Aybar and Carl Crawford each knocked in a run, while Jason Bartlett added two hits and scored once.

James Shields (1-0) notched the win after allowing six hits and three runs over 6 1/3 innings. The young right-hander fanned four with a walk. Dan Wheeler allowed a run but recorded the final three outs to earn his first save.



Tampa Bay Rays' B.J. Upton, right, scores in the fifth inning on an RBI single by teammate Evan Longoria as Chicago White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski takes the late throw during Game one of their MLB American League Divisional Series baseball playoffs in St. Petersburg yesterday.

Dewayne Wise hit a three-run homer and Paul Konerko added a solo shot for the White Sox, who had beaten Detroit and Minnesota on Monday and Tuesday, respectively, to reach the postseason for the first time since winning the World Series in 2005.

Phillies 5, Brewers 2

Shane Victorino hit a

grand slam off CC Sabathia, and Brett Myers tossed seven strong innings as Philadelphia downed Milwaukee, 5-2, in Game 2 of the teams' National League Division Series.

The Phillies took a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five series and moved one victory away from winning their first playoff series since 1993. Game 3 is scheduled for Saturday in Milwaukee.

It was Victorino's first career grand slam and the first postseason grand slam in Phillies franchise history. Myers (1-0) gave up two runs on two hits and three walks, while striking out four, for Philadelphia, which has won seven straight against Milwaukee dating back to the regular season.

Myers also went 1-for-2 with a crucial walk that led to Victorino's homer.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bombers looking for some revenge

ROBIN BROWNLEE
for Metro Edmonton

CFL Already losers of two straight games and teetering toward a .500 record with a 7-6 mark, the last thing the Edmonton Eskimos need right now is to face a fired-up opponent.

That's exactly what the Eskimos will have in front of them Saturday when the Winnipeg Blue Bombers come calling at Commonwealth Stadium.

Not only will the Bombers be looking to make it two straight wins over the Eskis after taking a 30-23 decision at home last Friday, they'll be motivated, to say the least, after seeing quarterback Kevin Glenn knocked goofy by Edmonton linebacker Agustín Barrenechea.

Barrenechea's helmet-to-helmet hit landed him a fine instead of a suspension and left Glenn with concussion-like symptoms. The Bombers, to understate, aren't impressed.

"It's always personal," said Winnipeg defensive tackle Doug Brown. "People are screaming bloody murder."

"You wonder on the flip

side, if somebody had done that to Ricky Ray, what the situation would be. There would probably be some guys getting high fives here and on the other side, Edmonton would be up in arms."

It's a safe bet Ray will get an up-close-and-personal look at Brown and the rest of the Bomber defence in the rematch. Likewise, Barrenechea could be in for a long night.

"I'm not concerned," Eskis coach Danny Maciocia said about the possibility the Bombers will take some shots at Ray. "But we will do our best to protect him."

DEFYING THE ODDS?

Defensive end Fred Perry, out since July 20 after breaking his leg and dislocating his ankle, comes off the nine-game injury list after Saturday's game and there's a chance he could play by season's end.

With just one sack during this two-game losing skid, the Eskis defence could certainly use the 33-year-old Perry, but he still needs to be medically cleared to play. Edmonton's Oct. 25 game in Regina is being talked about as a possible return date.

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OLYMPICS Tickets for the 2010 Olympics go on sale today but there's no rush. The purchasing period is spread over the next five weeks.

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The tickets on sale today are available but not guaranteed.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bills give Evans a contract extension

NFL Buffalo Bills wide receiver Lee Evans has signed a multi-year contract extension, the club announced yesterday.

Evans, selected 13th overall by the Bills in the 2004 draft, had been working with Buffalo on an extension since the off-season but finally reached an agreement.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Donaghy only NBA referee involved in betting scandal, report claims

NBA The NBA released the results of a review of the league's embattled officiating program yesterday in the wake of the Tim Donaghy scandal.

Donaghy, a former NBA referee, received a 15-month prison sentence for his role in betting on NBA games.

Lawrence B. Pedowitz, a former chief of the Criminal Division in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, was appointed by the NBA to review the officiating program and make recommendations.

Following a 14-month investigation, Pedowitz recommended significant changes, but found no evidence of illegal activity by any referees other than Donaghy.

The 116-page report recommended strengthening the NBA's anti-gambling rules, improving the enforcement of these rules and creating a "culture of compliance" among all



Tim Donaghy

league and team employees, including through the reorganization of the management of the referee program and the creation of an anonymous hotline for gambling information.

The report also said the league should increase monitoring of games for suspicious activity, and should increase efforts to eliminate the perception of referee bias by making more information available about the referee program and increasing access to the referees by fans and media.

"We are very appreciative of the effort by Mr. Pedowitz and his staff considering the extraordinary nature of the review," NBA commissioner David Stern said. "Mr. Pedowitz, who together with his team conducted approximately 200 interviews, was given the broadest possible mandate and was provided unfettered access to our employees, records, data and video library to ensure the independence and thoroughness of his report."

"We welcome the recommendations from Mr. Pedowitz in areas where we can improve — all of which will be adopted, and many of which have already been adopted, including the hiring of Army Major General (Ret.) Ronald L. Johnson as the senior vice president, referee operations. These measures are a beginning, not an end. We know that the NBA's success hinges on the integrity of our sport."

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Sports in brief

NFL Tennessee Titans running back Chris Johnson and Washington Redskins safety Chris Horton have been selected as the NFL's top rookies for the month of September. Johnson ranks second in the AFC with 337 rushing yards.

NBA Restricted free agent guard Ben Gordon accepted the one-year qualifying offer made by the Chicago Bulls. Gordon averaged 18.6 points, 3.1 rebounds and 3.0 assists in 72 games last season.

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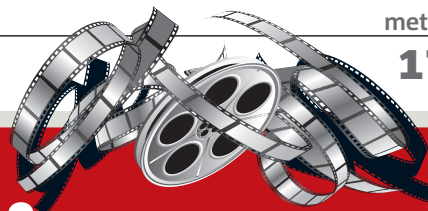
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Suit settled

Bosses at Miramax film studios have settled a lawsuit over the profits from the hit movie Chicago, paying one of the film's producers a reported \$9 million US.

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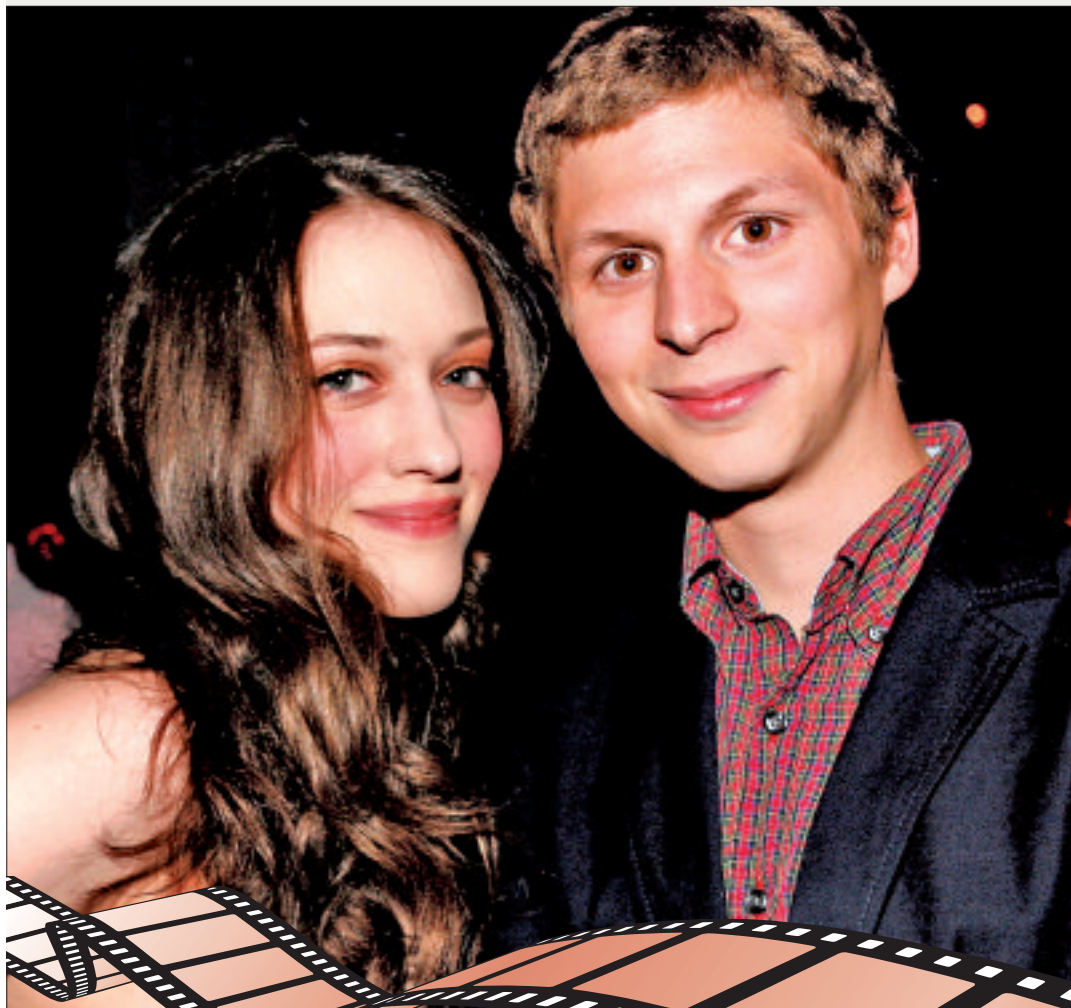
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Good kids

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Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist — starring Michael Cera and Kat Dennings as the title characters — still looks like one of the more virtuous depictions of teen life out there, saying a lot about kids today.

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Who let the dogs out?

Beverly Hills Chihuahua

Director: Raja Gosnell
Stars: Drew Barrymore, Andy Garcia
Classification: G
Rating: ★★

STEVE GOW
 for Metro Canada



Beverly Hills Chihuahua

REVIEW These days, it seems Hollywood producers are all wondering the same thing: If my dog could speak, what would it say? Well, Beverly Hills Chihuahua is the latest talking animal flick to heed that query and — according to one cheeky chihuahua at least — the answer is, “Oh no she didn’t!”

Featuring the voices of Drew Barrymore, Andy Garcia and other celebs, Chihuahua is a harmless “tail” (Ha!) about a snooty, rich lapdog that gets lost in Mexico and must journey back to Rodeo Drive.

Along the way, she encounters a mélange of muttering mutts and an annoying animated rat-iguana

duo that, in the end, teach us life lessons.

Now, this family outing’s not terrible; assembled by Scooby-Doo director Raja Gosnell, the animation integrates well enough with the live action but the same can’t be said for the dialogue. A simplistic, mediocre script handicaps the film from truly capturing its audiences’ imagination, obviously an imperative factor in a talking-dog movie. In fact, it’s easier to believably envisage the dollar-signs Andy Garcia must’ve had for eyeballs when he was offered this gig than it is to consider this set of chatty chihuahuas.

Nick & Norah’s Infinite Playlist

Director: Peter Sollett
Stars: Michael Cera, Kat Dennings
Classification: PG
Rating: ★★½

RICK MCGINNIS
 Metro Canada



Michael Cera and Kat Dennings play the title duo of Nick & Norah.

While older critics and viewers won’t be able to resist comparing the film to American Graffiti, younger audiences at Nick & Norah’s Infinite Playlist might chafe at their presumption.

The filmmakers and studio are really hoping young audiences are willing to embrace the movie as their own and see it. The bad news is that, should Nick & Norah’s Infinite Playlist take off with the college-and-under set, chances are they’ll probably be downloading it illegally.

Michael Cera is the Nick of the title, a woeful recent dumpee still hung up

on his break-up with Tris (Alexis Dziena), a girl both clearly out of his league and eminently worth his friends’ scorn.

The only straight member of a queercore band, he captures the attention of Norah (Kat Dennings), a schoolmate of Tris’, after a gig, when she chooses him randomly to pretend to be her boyfriend to spite Tris. She’s forced to

keep up the fiction when Tris suddenly comes over all possessive with her discarded beau, and the three of them head out, friends in tow, on a rambling night in Manhattan in search of a super-secret surprise gig by their fave band.

Steeped with references to indie bands and cameos by Saturday Night Live cast members, the film

gets the tone of urban culture and fledgling hipsters mostly right, thanks to the performances director Peter Sollett gets from Cera and Dennings and the rest of the youthful cast.

Everyone sounds comfortable with the wry, sarcastic but wholly defensive rhetoric wielded by young people, though Ari Graynor’s performance as Caroline — Norah’s helplessly drunk and guileless best friend — threatens to steal most of her scenes.

Like any romance, the film is a plea for true love and the triumph of innocence over cynicism, even as the camera coyly wanders away from showing the young lovers consummating their love with a finger-bang on a couch in a famous New York recording studio.

That the film can embrace queercore and finger-bangs and still look like one of the more virtuous depictions of teen life out there says a lot about kids today.

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How to Lose Friends & Alienate People

Director: Robert Weide
Stars: Simon Pegg
Classification: 14A
Rating: ★★½

PHIL BROWN
 for Metro Canada



Kirsten Dunst and Simon Pegg are coworkers in How To Lose Friends & Alienate People.

REVIEW How To Lose Friends & Alienate People comes to screens with an impeccable comedic pedigree.

The script is based on a bile-filled exposé of the media by self-proclaimed narcissistic twat Toby Young, the cast features such names as Simon Pegg and Jeff Bridges, and the project was directed by Curb Your Enthusiasm veteran Robert Weide.

All the pieces are in place for a masterpiece of the comic faux pas ... but, sadly, the film fails to deliver on its considerable potential. Though hardly a bad movie, the filmmakers rely too heavily on slapstick comedy and sentimentality for it to be anything more than glossy escapism. The book had bite, but the movie is muzzled.

Simon Pegg stars as Sidney Young (all the names in the film were changed to protect the innocent), a

wannabe entertainment journalist from England who suddenly finds himself working for a major magazine in New York.

Once Young is established in his new setting we sit back and watch him gradually blow every opportunity he’s given through inappropriate behaviour.

The book accurately paints Young as an arrogant blowhard who simply can’t follow social decorum. It’s a hilarious tale of humiliation that ends with Young getting what he deserves.

The movie tries to make Young more agreeable by

making him learn how to behave and fall in love with Kirsten Dunst (who has nothing to do but be pretty and likable). The decision might make the story more palatable for general audiences, but it squanders the best qualities of the source material.

It’s confusing that Weide allowed this to happen given how unapologetic the humour is on Curb. Fortunately, the key set pieces from the book are retained and Pegg and Bridges are talented enough to make most scenes breeze by.

It’s just unfortunate that the project isn’t what it could have been.

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Duchess duty-bound

The Duchess

Director: Saul Dibb

Stars: Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes, Hayley Atwell

Classification: 14A

Rating: ●●●●●

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada



The rich are different from you and I — that's the overwhelming message you get from *The Duchess*, an anti-love story of sorts set among the powdered wigs and plunging necklines of the upper social strata of England in the late 18th century.

When we meet Georgiana (Keira Knightley), she's a vivacious young woman whose life is being negotiated away by her mother (Charlotte Rampling) and her suitor — the duke of Devonshire, the richest peer in the land.

Ralph Fiennes plays him as a man whose ability to really enjoy the privilege of wealth was bred out of him generations before.

Before the lawyers even collect the necessary signatures for this dynastic arrangement, we know



Georgiana, played by Keira Knightley, is an historical member of the Spencer family.

that her life to come will contain great luxury but little joy.

Georgiana is a Spencer, a member of a courtier family that has provided wives and mistresses for the titled and royal for centuries, and it has to be remembered that Lady Diana was a Spencer; with this fact in mind, this 200-year-old story suddenly takes on unexpected contemporary resonance.

Even without this knowl-

edge, anyone with a passing acquaintance with glossy magazines or blaring TV coverage of the celebrity gossip industry won't have a hard time recognizing the pitiable desperation that radiates from Knightley's Georgiana. She becomes the most famous woman in Britain, an arbiter of both fashion and politics in an age where the paparazzi did their work with pencils and paper.

Valuable to her husband only as a provider of a male heir, he loses interest in her as she gives birth to daughters and strays with the usual series of maids before taking up with her best friend (Hayley Atwell), who seems to understand the uses of a rich man better than the duchess.

Saul Dibb's film initially seems like a curdled love story, but becomes a tale of motherhood and duty by the end.

Harris keeps the Western relevant

Appaloosa

Director: Ed Harris

Stars: Ed Harris, Viggo Mortensen, Renée Zellweger

Classification: 14A

Rating: ●●●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



REVIEW Whenever it seems like the Western has lost all relevance in contemporary culture, a director comes along to prove there is still life in the cinematic genre.

This time, it's Ed Harris who stepped behind the camera to put cowboys back on film. The actor hasn't directed since *Pollack* in 2000, and while *Appaloosa* might highlight some of Harris' limitations as a director, it is still quite an accomplished and surprisingly funny sophomore effort.

As with most Westerns, the setup is cookie cutter: Two guns-for-hire (Ed Harris and Viggo Mortensen) take over the sheriff's role in a small town to drive out a local troublemaker



Ed Harris and Viggo Mortensen star as guns-for-hire in the western *Appaloosa*.

(Jeremy Irons, struggling with an American accent). Of course, there is also an impossibly beautiful woman who unlocks the heart of the rugged gunslinger (Renée Zellweger).

What makes *Appaloosa* stand out from most Western revivals is Harris' clear understanding of the genre and his desire to toy with the conventions. Harris' sheriff might be hero-

ic and deadly, but he is also a little thickheaded, frequently relying on his partner to finish his sentences.

Harris uses many of these genre inversions as comic relief. Though by no means a parody, the witty screenplay frequently mocks genre expectations and is consistently funny.

The only real problem with the film is that Harris

lacks the visual storytelling skills necessary to create an epic Western. Filmmakers like John Ford and Sergio Leone made the Western a director's genre and without lush and exciting visuals, the movie feels incomplete.

Still, the acting and screenplay are solid enough to make *Appaloosa* a worthy addition to the Western oeuvre.

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Maher goes for easy shots in Religulous

Religulous

Director: Larry Charles

Stars: Bill Maher

Classification: 14A

Rating: Ⓢ

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

For a man who seems altogether proud of his atheism, Bill Maher comes off with an evangelical fervour for his cause by the time *Religulous* sums itself up, shifting gears from a comic odyssey through the lunatic fringe of true believers to pleading the cause of doubt and secularism with a zeal that itself calls for some satirical response.

It's hard not to find something to laugh at in the film Maher and director Larry Charles have made. Having persisted throughout the history of mankind, religion has produced more than its share of apparent absurdities, and since Charles and Maher seem mostly interested in shooting fish in a barrel,



Bill Maher faces off with the faithful in his biting documentary, *Religulous*.

their subject has provided them with a virtual Sea-world of targets.

Almost without fail, Maher goes for the easy shots, picking from the usual gallery of greedy American evangelicals through the risible tenets of Mormons

and Scientologists before proceeding from the fundamentalist edge of Judaism to the murderous manifestations of Islam. (For some reason, Buddhists, Hindus and Zoroastrians get off scot free.)

To do this, Maher has to

work from the presumption that every religion is basically identical, and that its most gullible, disingenuous or intolerant practitioners speak for the rest. In Amsterdam, Maher does a shambling interview with the self-appointed

head of a Church of Cannabis, who may be the sole priest and parishioner of his faith, and who mostly serves to play an unwitting Chong to Maher's Cheech.

He spares his abundant sarcasm with two Catholic priests he meets in Rome, however — the director of the Vatican Observatory provides a useful refutation of creationism, while an elderly padre he meets in St. Peter's Square amuses Maher with a curmudgeonly dismissal of biblical literalism.

Maher relies almost exclusively on "gotcha" moments and relentlessly massaged editing of his interviews to make his point, cut with old movies and cornball biblical epics to provide the rimshots for his punch lines.

Since his targets of opportunity are so broadly chosen, almost anyone will find something to laugh at in *Religulous*, but ultimately Maher is preaching to the choir with an undisguised dishonesty that only the true believers will forgive.

SAG seeks strike authority

INDUSTRY Film and television actors ratcheted up pressure on Hollywood's major studios Wednesday when negotiators, stalled in labour talks with producers, sought backing to put a strike authorization vote to guild members.

Contract negotiators for the Screen Actors Guild, which is the largest U.S. actors union with some 120,000 members, passed a resolution seeking the endorsement of SAG's national board for guild members to vote on whether to call a work stoppage, which, if it occurred, would be the second halt this year. Late Wednesday, SAG released the resolution passed by its contract negotiating committee, but said it would have no further comment.

The Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which represents major studios, shot back with its own statement asking, "Is this really the time for anyone in the entertainment business to be talking about going on strike?"

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Blindness has visual flair

Blindness

Director: Fernando Mereilles

Stars: Julianne Moore

Classification: 18A

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Julianne Moore

REVIEW Based on the acclaimed book by Nobel laureate Jose Saramago, *Blindness* was deemed un-filmable. Well that was until multi-talented Canadian actor/writer Don McKellar — perhaps most famous as the playwright of *The Drowsy Chaperone* — got his hands on it.

That may surprise some, but anyone who's seen McKellar's 1998 apocalyptic comic-drama *Last Night* will surely recognize similarities.

The story of a city besieged by a strange disease that causes everyone to suffer a "white blindness," this film is part-allegory, part-dystopian drama.

Simply put, as everyone except Julianne Moore loses their sight and are put in quarantine, society crumbles into chaos, vio-

lence and disarray. At times, it makes for a harrowing suspense drama, and director Fernando Mereilles adds a notable visual flair that will either evoke an impressive sense of dread or simply nauseate you depending on your penchant for jump cuts, white blurs and unconventional angles.

Excellent performances from Moore, Mark Ruffalo and a great cast certainly provide lift to *Blindness* but Mereilles — and McKellar's bleak, sophisticated story — seem so focused on broad symbolic themes of humanity in times of crisis, *Blindness* may actually impair some moviegoers from discerning the point in the end.

Elegy: Adult entertainment

Elegy

Director: Isabel Coixet

Stars: Ben Kingsley, Penelope Cruz, Patricia Clarkson

Classification: 14A

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

PHIL BROWN
For Metro Canada

Elegy has a quiet dignity and emotional resonance that most blockbusters are incapable of achieving. This is a serious project created for adults released at a time when that type of film feels extinct.

Ben Kingsley stars as David Kepesh an aging professor, cultural critic, and serial dater who opens the film pontificating about the joys of hedonism to Charlie Rose. Kepesh has been living a blissful life of sexual indiscretion and emotional detachment since leaving his wife decades ago, until he unexpectedly falls for a young grad student played by Penelope Cruz.

Once their relationship takes off the movie be-

Penelope Cruz is the object of Ben Kingsley's affection in *Elegy*.

comes a complex study of jealousy and aging as Kepesh must finally find emotional maturity in his mid-60s.

Based on *The Dying Animal* by Philip Roth, *Elegy* is a pointed examination of the male psyche.

Told through the feminine directorial eye of Isabel Coixet, the film is a quiet study of male vulnerability, rather than the

misogynist tale that many critics labelled the book.

Her efforts are certainly helped by two outstanding lead performances by the dependably brilliant Ben Kingsley and the dependably beautiful Penelope Cruz (in what is arguably her best English language performance along with Vicky Cristina Barcelona).

Of course, that's not to say that the movie is with-

out its faults.

The cold and detached tone is frequently off putting and Dennis Hopper is completely unbelievable as a prize-winning poet.

But however distracting, these flaws are not enough to ruin the movie. *Elegy* is a mature and contemplative work that should please anyone who doesn't mind thinking in the movie theatre.

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Flash of Genius sugarcoats the dark details

Flash of Genius

Director: Marc Abraham

Stars: Greg Kinnear

Classification: STC

Rating: ****

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Flash of Genius isn't an easy movie to sell to audiences: It's opening on a weekend opposite no less than a dozen other films.

It doesn't feature a major star (unless Greg Kinnear makes you giddy), and it's about the guy who created the intermittent windshield wiper — not exactly the sort of invention that leaves most mouths gaping in awe.

Set in the heyday of the automobile, Kinnear plays Robert Kearns, an eccentric college professor who — after literally getting coked in the eye — invents a new wiper.

When the Ford Motor Co. shows just enough interest to get his prototype and steal the idea, Kearns must take on the auto giant to regain his dignity even though it costs him his family and, by all indication, his sanity.

As the film briefly shows, Kearns did crack during his quest, only to be found travelling by bus to Washington convinced then-President Nixon commissioned him to design a car.

Making his directorial debut, veteran producer

Marc Abraham focuses not on such dark detail but on the inspirational side of Kearns' story, essentially turning a tale about an eccentric everyman and his laborious court case into a bitter-sweet Capra-esque family film.

An exceptional performance by Kinnear anchors the drama, but ultimately the film suffers from a bland positivity. Even one of the film's producers recently admitted to the New York Times, "the real Bob Kearns was 10 times as paranoid."

It might've paid off to see a bit less genius and more of whatever put Kearns on that bus going to Washington.



Greg Kinnear, left, is an inventor on a mission in *Flash of Genius*.

Director's punk rock passion behind biopic

REVIEW The first album that Roger Grossman ever bought was What We Do Is Secret by the Germs, a seminal '70s punk band from L.A. Needless to say

that the music of the Germs made a lasting impression on Grossman, who has spent the last 15 years getting a biopic about Germs' lead singer

Darby Crash (ne' Jan Paul



Shane West stars in Roger Grossman's *What We Do Is Secret*.

Beahm) off the ground.

The resulting film reflects Grossman's passion

thanks in part to some excellent performances, particularly Shane West's turn as Crash.

The do-it-yourself ethos of punk rock was exemplified by Crash's approach to stardom. The band's first gig was, from a musi-

cal standpoint, absolutely disastrous, but the word of mouth it generated eventually saw the Germs playing across L.A. until Crash's suicide in 1980.

While his death was tragic, the film underscores the notion that it was actually the apogee of his anarchic ideals. Grossman will be in attendance for a post-screening Q&A. Part of the Edmonton International Film Festival, showtime is 9:30 p.m. at Empire City Centre Cinemas. **METRO EDMONTON**

Documentary on Anvil followed with performance by heavy metal band

REVIEW Last Saturday, following the screening of *Anvil! The Story of Anvil*, the titular Canuck speed-metal legends were at the Century Casino for a special performance in conjunction with the Edmonton International Film Festival.

Despite receiving decent advance press, the turnout for the concert was pretty pathetic. Somehow, it was also perfect. In the early '80s, Anvil was set for heavy metal superstardom, but were ultimately usurped by the likes of Bon Jovi and Metallica.

However, it's never stopped bandmates Robb Reiner and Steve "Lips" Kudlow from rocking onward. Director Sacha Gervasi's documentary about them is already being called Canada's answer to *Spinal Tap* and the feeble crowd at Century confirmed that they are the



Remember, this movie's got to end better than *They Saved Hitler's Soul*.

They saved it.

sad yet genuine article.

And to all the people who attended the movie last week, bought up all the T-shirts and didn't attend the concert, boo on you. Edmonton, do not miss this encore screening.

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Sexsmith's Exit Strategy

Singer-songwriter adds Cuban flavour on latest effort

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada



A lot of people are afraid to fly, but that phobia is especially problematic if you also happen to be a popular musician. "I'm not too big on flying," says veteran singer-songwriter Ron Sexsmith. "Actually, every time I have to get on a plane I get terrified."

So when the guitarist was offered a free trip to Cuba to record with some of the country's best horn players, he almost said no. "That was the only thing that got in the way," he says over the phone from his Toronto home.

Luckily, Sexsmith made the five-day trek, which was paid for by Martin Terefe, the producer of the artist's new record Exit Strategy For The Soul, and recorded the song Brighter Still with Alexander Abreu and other well-known Cuban musicians. "They have the best horn players down there," says Sexsmith, "so I thought it would be a good experience for me."

Although Sexsmith says he spent most of his time in Cuba drinking and walking to the studio, he still managed to create an up-



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Exit Strategy For The Soul is the 11th album for singer-songwriter Ron Sexsmith.

beat, yet soothing track that has, expectedly, some of the best musicianship that's ever graced one of his records.

And that's saying a lot. Exit is the artist's 11th album — his first release was a cassette in 1985. In that time Sexsmith has befriended Elton John, Elvis Costello, Chris Martin and other legendary musicians and made a name for himself around the world, though he's still not financially successful enough to

tour exactly the way he'd like. "It would be great to bring out a horn section," he says. "But sometimes I can't afford to put on the show I want to."

Another thing he'd like to do, but can't, is bring Leslie Feist on stage to sing Brandy Alexander, a song they co-wrote and which appears on Sexsmith's new record and Feist's smash hit The Reminder. That, however, isn't because of a lack of dough — Feist is just too busy these days.

in concert

• Ron Sexsmith plays the Myer Horowitz Theatre tonight.

He tried to get the Grammy-nominated chanteuse to sing a gospel backing track on the song, but no such luck. "I wrote that part for her to sing, but she's so swamped now, I couldn't get a response if she'd do it." Not that it mattered in the end: Erin Moran, also known as A Girl Called Eddy, filled in nicely.

Thanks to Feist's minimalist rendition, Brandy Alexander will be the most recognizable tune on the record, but there are plenty of other gems on this calm, catchy disc. Song One Last Round is a relatively rollicking tune about global warming, while Thoughts And Prayers is maybe the sweetest song on the album.

Now that Sexsmith has recorded in Cuba, there can't be anything more that he'd want out of his career, right?

"Well, I've always wanted to make a covers album," he says.

"But I'm already writing songs for my next record. So it's still on my to-do list."

Obama takes the Better Way

SoundCheck



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I don't know about you, but in the last two weeks, I've heard people throw around the word "trillion" more than I've heard in my entire life — as in "The U.S. credit crisis is going to cost \$5 trillion or more to sort out." Why anyone would want to run a country under any circumstances (let alone in the midst of a universal economic meltdown) is beyond me.

But this doom makes our selection of leaders and our scrutiny of their choices

even more important. The media's intensity has been set to "insane." I'm more than happy to contribute to the insanity by judging the candidates' ability to lead based on their choice of campaign theme songs.

Right away I'm worried about the John McCain/Sarah Palin camp. Sure, he's a storied war vet and she can see Russia from her house, but who came up with the idea of using Take a Chance on Me by ABBA for a rally song? Maybe it's because John Mellencamp told McCain to stop using his song, Our Country while Heart freaked out over Palin's wannabe association with Barracuda.

The best music heard at Republican rallies was played by protesters. Rage

Against the Machine turned up in Minneapolis to play at the Republican National convention, but were turned away because they allegedly didn't have the proper permits. Still, they offered up a cappella versions of Bulls on Parade and Testify before leading a march.

The Barack Obama/Joe Biden ticket has much better music. Anyone who uses a Ben Harper song (Better Way) shows good taste. And a surprising number of cool bands turned up to play for



Election 2008

that big rally in Denver. While Stevie Wonder sang Signed, Sealed and Delivered inside the stadium, bands like Silversun Pickups, Nada Surf and Cold War Kids (an actual band, not a sons-and-daughters of veterans group) were playing for the crowd in the parking lot.

On this side of the border, the theme song battle has been, well, dull. If the Conservatives or the Greens have an official song, it hasn't registered with me yet. Come to think of it, I can't recall anything official from the Liberals or the NDP, either.

Using rock and pop to spin a political platform? Not in Canada. Pity.

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Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama has used Better Way by Ben Harper, right, on the campaign trail this year.

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Degrassi: The Next Generation. Pictured: Evan Williams as Kelly and Sarah Barrable-Tishauer as Liberty.

The kids go to college

TV Picks

Degrassi: The Next Generation

Season Premiere: Oct. 5

Network: CTV

The kids — or at least some of them — go to college, and much of the drama in the season 8 debut has to do with dorm room assignments. Meanwhile back at Degrassi there's a new group of grade 9 students, and Mia (Nina Dobrev) is having model anguish. By now it's probably a bit obvious to point out that what happens to a single kid in a season of Degrassi is more than usually goes on in a whole year at any real life high school, but

that's why the kids love it. A fantastically creepy reality series about a pair of Euro-dudes from L.A. who come to Toronto to set up the latest branch of their online social network for beautiful people only. Later episodes are supposed to follow around candidates and members of Beautiful People, but the debut focuses on Greg and Robert, the founders, while they try to drum up publicity for the launch of the website. Strap in tight, because the line between reality and satire is as fluid as a river in spring here.

SNL: Weekend Update Thursday

Season Premiere: Oct. 9

Network: NBC

Saturday Night Live's news parody moves to primetime for the first of three election-themed special programs. Expect a lot of Darrel Hammond as John Mc-

Beautiful People

Season Premiere: Oct. 6

Network: Slice

Fall ratings dropping

A SLOW START: The fall TV season — which we haven't quite escaped; do I need to point that out? — is unofficially in its second week, and the numbers aren't looking good. According to a Variety story this week, ratings have seen a 4.3 per cent decline from

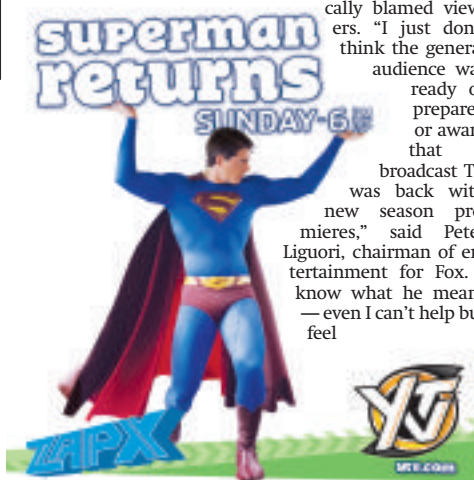
last year, with NBC getting the worst battering, losing a whopping 16.3 per cent of its viewership, followed by CBS, with an overall ratings decline of 9.6 per cent.

Only Fox and the CW are showing modest gains, though a Fox executive told Variety that he basically blamed viewers. "I just don't think the general audience was ready or prepared or aware that broadcast TV was back with new season premieres," said Peter Liguori, chairman of entertainment for Fox. I know what he means — even I can't help but feel

nostalgic for a time when we spent half the summer getting ready for the new TV season.

As a kid, we used to scan the production notes in Variety eager for news from the sets of Happy Days and All In The Family, and would linger for hours under shady trees to escape the midday heat and imagine just what we thought was going to happen in the upcoming seasons of Rhoda and The Rockford Files. We'd even turn our backyards into the junkyard set from Sanford & Son, and fight to see who got to play Meathead or J.J. from Good Times. Kids these days — they have no respect for tradition.

Fox, true to form, has been the quickest to react, rewarding Fringe with a second season despite its disappointing performance so far, and getting ready to cancel the Sarah Connor Chronicles for dragging down the ratings for Prison Break, its lead-out show on Tuesday nights. Most returning shows are trying to regain audiences lost to the short season caused by the Hollywood writers' strike, but many of them have been off the air for 10 months. It's at times like this that a download marketplace instead of a seasonal broadcast schedule should start looking even more attractive to executives; it's already inevitable, but even at times like this, it's unwise to underestimate the entropy



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Cain and Bill Clinton, but we know everyone will be tuning in for Tina Fey's cameos as Sarah Palin — an amusing but one-note impersonation that's getting as tired as the candidates in the U.S. election these days.

"Anticipated" is the wrong word for this Americanized remake of the hit British cop/time travel show — "dreaded" is more accurate, especially since it's gone through several major re-castings and a location change since ABC finished its first pilot months ago. The series stars Harvey Keitel and Gretchen Mol.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Life On Mars

Season Premiere: Oct. 9

Network: Global

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that rules decision-making in the TV industry.

IN THE WOODS: Food programming is probably the most constricted on the air in terms of style, but the Food Network might have broken the mold with The Wild Chef, a homegrown production debuting tonight. Hosted by Martin Picard, the bear-like chef/owner of Montreal's Au Pied de Cochon, and his amiable sous chef Hugue Dufour, it's a woolly, ambling travelogue through the backwoods of Quebec, as Picard searches for something he's never eaten before, like the muskrat he barbeques in the pilot.

A highlight is Picard and Dufour standing in a blizzard, blithely telling the audience that the first ingredient they need for a recipe is a snowstorm. The show is so utterly Canadian, right to the marrow of its essence, that it practically makes up the full requirements of Cancon, and should free Food up to turn over the balance of its week to Jamie Oliver and Rachel Ray.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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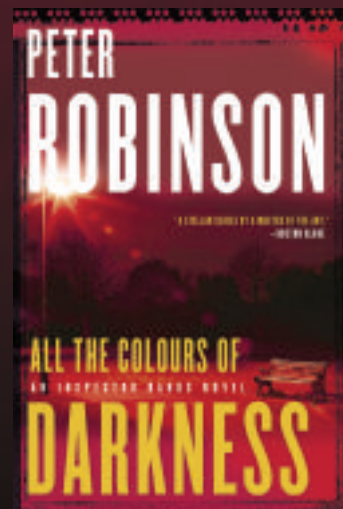
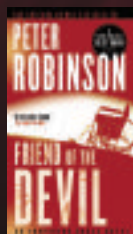
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--The Independent (UK)



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King's ready for family

Actress Jaime King is eager to have children with her director husband Kyle Newman. "I want to start soon. I love both boys and girls. We even have our names picked out," King tells OK! magazine. **IMDB.COM**



Heidi Klum, host of Project Runway, had a lawsuit against her thrown out of court.

Suit against Klum and producers tossed

PEOPLE Heidi Klum and the makers of U.S. TV series Project Runway have been cleared of stealing the concept for the hit show from two fashion designers, **imdb.com** reports.

Cynthia Rodriguez and Elizabeth Zwiebach filed suit against Klum, Disney, Disney's Miramax Film Corp., Miramax founders Harvey and Robert Weinstein, their new venture Weinstein Company, and NBC Universal in December 2005.

The pair claimed that they originally developed the idea for Project Runway and had allegedly sent a 40-page outline for a reality show they were interested in developing, titled American Runway, to Klum's agents after first approaching them about it in July 2003. The show was

first aired in December 2004.

But the case was thrown out on Wednesday by Manhattan Federal Judge Loretta Preska, who said there were more than enough differences to conclude Klum and the makers did not poach the idea, according to New York Daily News.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Tween novel up for TV series

ADAPTATION Tish Cohen's tween-targeted novel The Invisible Rules of the Zoe Lama is being adapted as a live-action TV series by a Canadian production company for an initial 13 episodes of the series for worldwide broadcast sale.

REUTERS

Television's 'Mr. Clean' dies of pneumonia at age 92

FAREWELL The actor who played muscular "Mr. Clean" in hundreds of dirt-busting television commercials in the late 1950s and early 1960s, has died in Los Angeles at the age of 92, his family said.

House Peters Jr.'s bald-head, hoop earring and

brawny arms was the original public face of Proctor & Gamble's household cleaners with the jingle "Mr. Clean, Mr. Clean." He died of pneumonia on Wednesday, his family said.

Born into an acting family, House Peters Jr. started

his career in silent movies and later made a name for himself with character parts, often as the muscled villain, in dozens of TV and movie westerns including Wagon Train, Gunsmoke and The Lone Ranger.

He won a Golden Boot

award in 2000 for his lifetime contribution to the western genre.

Peters Jr. retired from acting in the late 1960s after filming his last episode of Lassie on television, in which he had a recurring role as Sheriff Jim Billings.

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Piven denies story about cheap tipping

PEOPLE Entourage star Jeremy Piven has denied he once left a DVD of the show as a tip in a restaurant — insisting the rumour was completely made up, **imdb.com** reports.

Last year, a New York gossip columnist reported that the actor had been banned from the exclusive Nobu restau-



Jeremy Piven.

rant in Aspen, Colo., after leaving the first season of Entourage on the table as a tip following a meal.

But Piven insists that the incident never happened. "That's a good one," he says. "I don't even have a DVD of Entourage. The idea I would bring it with me and use it as a tip — these are creative people and they put some time and some energy into this. I think these are wasted talents."

Piven has also denied claims that he often demands extra goodie bags at celebrity events — saying he gives it straight to his family.

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Fox orders full season of Fringe

SHOW Fox has picked up a full-season order of J.J. Abrams' sci-fi thriller Fringe.

Fringe stars Anna Torv, Joshua Jackson and John Noble as investigators of paranormal crimes. The network has ordered an additional nine episodes of the Tuesday night drama, which should come as no surprise to those following its ratings performance.

Fringe executive producer Abrams, who was a co-creator of Lost, said that "as with many new series, Fringe is just starting to find its groove. Knowing we'll be around beyond the first thirteen episodes means we'll get to realize the full potential of the show, and for that we are extremely grateful."

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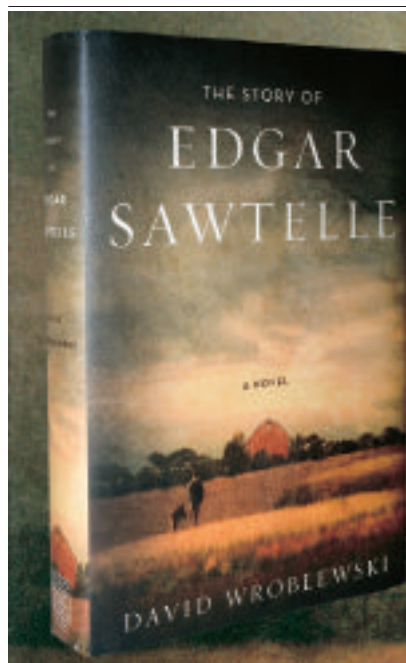
Showtime debuts new Diablo show

COMEDY Showtime's new comedy series United States of Tara, starring Toni Collette, will debut Jan. 18.

The dark comedy, penned by Juno screenwriter Diablo Cody, centers on a mom with a multiple personality disorder. John Corbett co-stars on the series, a co-production between Showtime and Dreamworks TV.

The show will air at 10 p.m., following the final-season premiere of The L Word at 9 p.m. and leading to the second-season opener of Secret Diary of a Call Girl at 10:30.

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—Stephen King

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The Hills star Audrina Patridge has entertaining offers for her own TV show. "She has been in talks with MTV for her own show, but nothing is set in stone just yet," says an insider. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Poor ratings sink 90210 Down Under

SERIES Beverly Hills, 90210 spinoff 90210 has been axed from Australian TV screens due to poor ratings, imdb.com reports.

The drama was dropped from Channel 10 after just four episodes because there wasn't enough interest in the show.

The debut program pulled in 837,000 viewers last month, while the last episode shown on Monday achieved viewing figures of just 616,000.

"90210 is an excellent

show that clearly resonated with a younger audience, but it didn't have the kind of numbers needed to stay in this intensely competitive environment," a spokesperson for the channel says.

The station intends to broadcast the remaining episodes during the non-ratings period over summer.

Ten considered the series one of their most highly-anticipated programs of the year. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Release to reunite Hogans



Siblings Brooke and Nick Hogan.

PEOPLE Hulk Hogan's incarcerated son Nick will bring his feuding family back together when he's released from jail in Florida on Oct. 21, imdb.com reports.

His pop star sister Brooke Hogan has revealed she's planning a reunion with her estranged parents Hulk and Linda to mark Nick's release from Pinellas County Jail in Clearwater, Fla.

"For Nick, we will all go together ... It's not about us, it's about him," she says.

Brooke is planning to cook up a feast for her 18-

year-old brother once he becomes a free man.

"He wants me to cook him everything that exists," she told Life + Style magazine. "Mac and cheese, cheeseburgers, salad, chicken — he'd even eat broccoli if I made it for him."

Nick is serving an eight-month sentence after pleading no contest to a felony reckless driving offence following a car crash in Clearwater, Fla., which left his friend and passenger, John Graziano, brain damaged. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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	25	A&E	615	520	CSI: Miami "Kill Switch"	CSI: Miami "The Score"	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Restaurant Makeover	Man vs. Wild	Greensburg	GameTrailers	
	29	FOOD	603	561	Chef Aloud	The Wild Chef	Diner, Drive-In	Fireball of Tutankhamun	UFC Fight Night			
	32	DISC	520	505	Man vs. Wild (N)							
	38	SPIKE	628	584	Supernatural (HDTV)	Torchwood (N)	(9:05) Dark Water ** (2005, Suspense)	Jennifer Connelly, Tim Roth				
	43	SPACE	627	528	At the Movies	Star-at Movies	The Tonight Show-Jay Leno	TMZ	eTalk	Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew	Hollywood	
	50	STAR	621	56								

SATURDAY

ED	C	B	S	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
104/08	2	CFRN	239	318	W-FIVE-Slethead	Doomstoon (2006, Drama)	Chris "K.C." Collins	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)			
	3	KHQ	-	370	News (N)	CSI: NY "Rain"	Knight Rider (HDTV)	Chuck (HDTV)	News (N)			
	4	CBXT	-	307	HNIC-Anthem Challenge	Glory Road *** (2006, Drama)	Josh Lucas	City Chase (N)	Spaceballs			
	5	KREM	-	372	News (N)	Scrubs		EliteXC Saturday Night Fights	The City Show			
	7	CKEM	241	347	Survivorman	Kaya	Role	Hide and Seek * (2000, Suspense)	Daryl Hannah			
	8	CITV	240	339	Disasters of the Century	Painkiller Jane	Sinking a Destroyer	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park	News (N)		
	12	CBXT	119	705	Le Moment de vérité (SC)	3600 seconds d'extase (SC)	Dre Grey, leçons d'anatomie	The Téljournal	Les Jeux paralympiques	Ent. Tonight		
	13	KXLY	-	371	(6) College Football Ohio State at Wisconsin or Oregon at USC		At the Movies	Inside Edition	The Insider (N)	Ent. Tonight		
	16	KAYU	-	373	Boston Legal	House "Materlity"	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted	News (N)		
	19	CHTV	-	373	E News	The Soup (N)	Dr. 90210 Family man	Expensive Celebrity Weddings	E News			
	22	KSPS	-	374	The Lawrence Welk Show	May-December	Time Goes By	Ocean's Eleven *** (1960, Comedy)	Frank Sinatra	P. McCartney		
	15	CBGN	502	-	Sat. Report	Behind Ballot	Man. President	Sat. Report	Behind Ballot	Man. President		
	54	CTVNI	501	391	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News		
	20	TSN	400	408	CFL Football	Boxing Yuriy Gorbachev vs. Marcos Ramirez (HDTV) (Live)		SportsCentre	Poker			
	23	net	408	418	MLB Baseball: NLDS	MLB Baseball: National League Division Series Game 3 - Cubs at Dodgers		Low Life	SuperCars	Sportsnet Con.		
	94	SPEED	417	406	(4:30) American Le Mans Series Racing The Petit Le Mans	Performance	Tradin' Paint	Strikeforce	Score on NFL			
	94	SCORE	410	403	MLS Soccer	Footy Show	X-Fighters	BodogFight	Storm Hawks	Go, Diego, Go!		
	14	YTV	552	543	Adrenaline Proj	Mystery Hnt.	Transformers	Justice League: The New Frontier (2008, Action)	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer		
	17	TREE	553	546	Beren, Bears	Toopy & Binoo	Comfy Couch	Toy Castle	Dragon (DVS)	Bailey's Billions (2005, Comedy)		
	45	FAM	557	541	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Han, Montana			
	25	A&E	615	520	CSI: Miami "Skeletons"	The Sopranos (HDTV)	The Sopranos (HDTV)	The F Word	Vermintors Rats; roaches.	Criss Angel		
	29	FOOD	603	561	Dinner: Impossible	Kitchen Nightmares	Griffin vs. Jackson (N)	MANswers	Married... With	MANswers		
	32	DISC	520	505	Vermintors Rats; roaches.	Dinner: Impossible	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Married... With	MANswers		
	38	SPIKE	628	584	Ultimate Fighting Championship 86	Griffin vs. Jackson (N)	The Village ** (2004, Suspense)	Bryce Dallas Howard	(10:15) Child's Play (1988, Horror)	Paris Hilton		
	43	SPACE	627	528	Sarah Connor Chronicles	The Village ** (2004, Suspense)	Bryce Dallas Howard	Fabulous Life	Old Skool			
	50	STAR	621	56	Paris Hilton's My New BFF	America's Next Top Model (N)						

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105/08	2	CFRN	239	318	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: Next	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	The Amazing Race 13	Desperate Housewives	News (N)		
	3	KHQ	-	370	(6:15) NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Jacksonville Jaguars.	Celine (2008, Biography)	Christine Gawn, Jodelle Ferland	Best Sports	Law & Order: SVU	CSI: NY		
	4	CBXT	-	307	Heartland "Ghost Horse"	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 13	Cold Case "True Calling" (N)	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)	fifth estate		
	5	KREM	-	372	News (N)	Up Front	Easy Money "DNA" (N)	Valentine "Valentine" (N)	Survivorman	Reviews		
	7	CKEM	241	347	Friends	Brothers & Sisters (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	News (N)	
	8	CITV	240	339	renegade/press	Die of the Hill	Tout le monde en parle (HDTV) (SC)	Funnist Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	Brothers	
	12	CBXT	119	705	Decouverte (N)	Et Dieu créa	Storm Stories	King of the Hill	Extreme Makeover: Home	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	News (N)
	13	KXLY	-	371	News	Storm Stories		King of the Hill	Extreme Makeover: Home	Family Guy (N)	American Dad	News (N)
	16	KAYU	-	373	House	Instant Beauty Pageant	Celebrity Crises	Nature (DVS)	Masterpiece Contemporary (N) (DVS)	Mystery!		
	19	CHTV	-	373	House	Instant Beauty Pageant	Celebrity Crises	Nature (DVS)	Masterpiece Contemporary (N) (DVS)	Mystery!		
	22	KSPS	-	374	Spain ... On the Road Again	Liberty USA (N)		Our World	CBC News: Sunday Night	Liberty USA		
	15	CBGN	502	-	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)			Our World	CBC News: Sunday Night	Liberty USA		
	54	CTVNI	501	391	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News		
	20	TSN	400	408	(6:15) NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Jacksonville Jaguars.	MLB Baseball: Division Series - Teams TBA (Live)		SportsCentre	Motoring 2008	Poker		
	23	net	408	418	MLB Baseball: Division Series	Pinkies - All Out (HDTV)	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	Wrecked	101 Cars-Drive	
	94	SPEED	417	406	Wind Tunnel-Despain	Poker - Learn From the Pros	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score	Final Score		
	94	SCORE	410	403	Strikeforce							
	14	YTV	552	543	Superman Returns *** (2006, Adventure)	Brandon Routh, Kate Bosworth, James Marsden. Premiere.			Prank Patrol	Falcon Beach		
	17	TREE	553	546	Rolie Polie Oie	Mighty Mach	That's-Raven	Zoe 101	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer		
	45	FAM	557	541	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down			Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century (1999)			
	25	A&E	615	520	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Jamie's Kitchen Australia	Chef School	At the Table	Challenge		
	29	FOOD	603	561	Iron Chef America	Mystery of the Crystal Skulls			Mystery of the Crystal Skulls			
	32	DISC	520	505	Mystery of the Crystal Skulls							
	38	SPIKE	628	584	Training Day *** (2001, Crime Drama)	Denzel Washington, Scott Glenn.			Training Day *** (2001, Crime Drama)	Denzel Washington.		
	43	SPACE	627	528	Scream 3 *** (2000, Horror)	David Arquette, Neve Campbell. (DVS)			Final Destination 2 *** (2003, Horror)	Ali Larter.		
	50	STAR	621	56	Look-A-Like	Star-at Movies	Girl Next Door	eTalk: Clone	Britney Back?	Madonna 10	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)	Girl Next Door

Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now

1 Jennifer Hudson

Former American Idol contestant turned Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Hudson finally released her self-titled debut album on Tuesday. The disc features the mellow and groovy song Spotlight, which is exactly where the powerhouse talent belongs.

2 Victoria Beckham's pixie cut

Designer Victoria Beckham's new do is the hottest thing in hairdressing at the moment, but it only works best on certain face shapes.

"You'll need well-defined cheekbones and a low forehead to carry this look off," femalefirst.co.uk reports celebrity session stylist Denise Mcadam as saying.

5 The Story of Edgar Sawtelle: A Novel, by David Wroblewski

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle: A Novel is talk-show host Oprah Winfrey's latest choice for her book club, which practically guarantees it a spot on the bestsellers' lists. Amazon.ca describes the debut novel by David Wroblewski as "modern take on Hamlet set in rural Wisconsin."

6 Whole grains

If it's a baked good, there's probably a whole-grain version of it. Packed with health benefits, "exotic grains such as amaranth, quinoa, teff, millet, and Kamut are going mainstream," says American Dietetic Association President Connie Diekman, MEd, RD.

7 Fall foliage

Mother Nature's annual foliage spectacular is taking place, so consider getting outside to a park or hiking trail, with a camera in hand, to take your own postcard-perfect pictures of nature transforming.

3 Breast Cancer Awareness Month

"Pink" products are on sale this month to help support the fight against breast cancer, and why not take this time to think about cancer in a broader sense, too? There are more than 200 types of the disease, cancerhelp.org.uk reports, and it can develop in any organ. Awareness is one step toward gaining the upper hand over the illness.

4 30 Rock: Season 2

The sitcom 30 Rock recently won four Emmy Awards, and its second season comes out on DVD on Tuesday. The two-disc set includes commentary and deleted scenes.

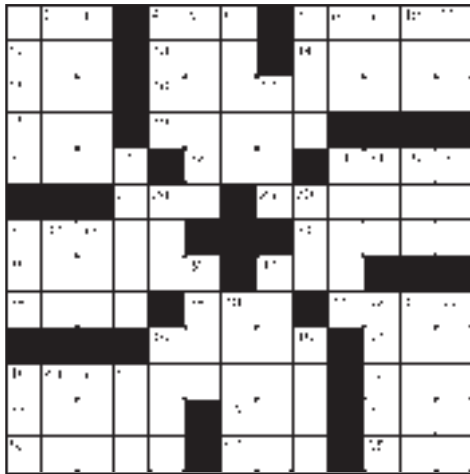
... and what's not

Botox for a boy

Actress Sharon Stone allegedly wanted to Botox her son's feet. She has denied ever making the suggestion to fight foot odour.



Take Five



Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

			5		9	7	6
		4					1
	5			6		2	
			2		7		
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		3		1			
	3		8				1
7					5		
4	8	6		1			

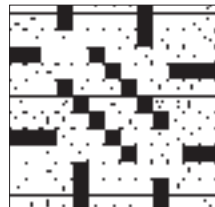
Crossword across

- 1 Mischief-maker
4 Bird that lays green eggs
7 Rhino's cousin
12 Atl. state
13 PC-sharing setup
14 Unaccompanied
15 Greek vowel
16 Tour de France activity
18 Hindu title
19 Apportion
20 Bustle
22 "A mouse!"
23 Rams fans?
27 Frenzied
29 Cassandra Peterson's stage name
31 Bellybutton
- 34 Arts supporter
35 Slow passage
37 Announcer Pardo
38 Poet Pound
39 Air-pressure meas.
41 Hearty drink
45 Hot spot at a spa
47 Chromosome component
48 Eco-friendly activity
52 Hill dweller
53 Old market place
54 Afternoon social
55 Ball-bearing item
56 "The Planets" composer
57 Blunder
58 Storefront sign abbr.

Crossword down

- 1 That is (Lat.)
2 Paris subway
3 Tartan pattern
4 Exile isle
5 Sent via the USPS
6 Quitter's cry
7 Diplomacy
8 The whole enchilada
9 Luau bowlful
10 B&B
11 — U.S. Pat. Off.
17 Oxen's burden
21 The end
23 Cowgirl Dale
24 Minn. neighbor
25 Before
26 Frivolous one, in song
- 28 Will Smith biopic
30 Author Buscaglia
31 Dundee denial
32 Wood-shaping tool
33 Kin of: alt sp.
36 Milky gemstone
37 Main meal
40 Hotel accommodation
42 Ire
43 Central
44 Microsoft founder
45 "Begone!"
46 Culture medium
48 "Hurray!"
49 Id counterpart
50 Army rank (Abbr.)
51 Decade parts (Abbr.)

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



7	5	6	8	2	4	1	9	3
2	3	4	9	6	1	7	8	5
9	1	8	5	7	3	4	2	6
1	6	7	3	4	2	8	5	9
4	9	2	6	8	5	3	1	7
3	8	5	7	1	9	2	6	4
6	2	1	4	5	7	9	3	8
8	7	3	2	9	6	5	4	1
5	4	9	1	3	8	6	7	2

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 minGenius
13-17 minScholar

17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
25+ minKeep practising

Recipe of the day



Shrimp, Melon and Mango Salad

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb (500 g) cooked peeled large shrimp
1 mango
1 honeydew melon, peeled and cubed
8 cherry tomatoes, halved
3 cups (750 mL) arugula leaves
1 medium cucumber, sliced
Salt and pepper

DRESSING:

2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
Juice of 1 lemon
1 tbsp (15 mL) honey
2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh mint

Fresh mint leaves as garnish

METHOD:

1. Whisk together all the dressing ingredients in a large bowl. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Add the shrimp to the dressing, cover and leave to marinate in the refrigerator for 30 minutes to 1 hour.
2. Halve the mango

lengthwise, cutting down each side of the pit. Cut the flesh on each half in a criss-cross fashion to make cubes, then cut the cubes away from the skin.
3. Remove the shrimp from the fridge. Add the mango, melon and tomatoes and gently stir together. Arrange the arugula leaves and cucumber slices around the edge of a shallow serving dish, and spoon the shrimp mixture into the centre. Garnish with sprigs of mint and serve.

Calories 242, calories from fat 54, fat 6 g, saturated fat 1 g, cholesterol 147 mg, carbohydrate 33 g, fibre 3 g, sugars 29 g, protein 18 g.

SERVES 6

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Horoscopes

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Team spirit and helpfulness will win the day. You will be asked to control yourself. A trip will bring contentment.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Find the time to do some self-nurturing. Questions about past activities will arise. Someone in charge thinks that you're a loose cannon.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
True friends won't enjoy any spiteful gossip. Don't let pride stand in the way of accepting a benefit. An overwhelming sentimentality flusters you.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You have been misinformed about someone's negligence. A co-worker will ask for money. It's possible to defeat yourself by being tyrannical.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Exciting thoughts will cloud your mind. Wear something fabulous to socialize. Subterfuge gives you something to think about.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Discomfort causes you to investigate the truth. Everything you say seems to be unheeded. There's a lot of exaggeration going on.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
People may think you're too conservative. You were told the absolute truth by a friend. Take care around supervisors and co-workers.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Broken hearts will alter marriage plans. A dazzling object needs some mending. Be very straightforward in all your dealings.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
There's deep respect and appreciation for your loyalty. Dissatisfaction can cause snappish remarks to wound others. Unique ideas are being generated.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Memories will be created by being brave. Being overcautious will retard your progress. Think hard before refusing some satisfying work.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A visitor creates tensions between friends. A strange battle affects your schedule. You'll remember the events that led to a loss.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Frustration is overcome with help of others. Keep future plans to yourself. Assistance causes more trouble than it's worth.

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This day in history

OCT. 3, 1795: General Napoleon Bonaparte first rises to national prominence being named to defend the French National Convention against armed counter-revolutionary rioters threatening the three year old revolutionary government.
OCT. 3, 1535: Jacques Cartier disc
OCT. 3, 1863: Thanksgiving Day declared as the fourth Thursday in November by President Abraham Lincoln.
OCT. 3, 1932: Iraq gains independence from Britain.
OCT. 3, 1952: United Kingdom successfully tests a nuclear weapon.
OCT. 3, 1957: Allen Ginsberg's Howl and Other Poems is ruled not obscene.

Britney Spears dropped by a middle school in New York on Wednesday to present \$10,000 US for the school's music program. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Khloe not keeping up with rehab

PEOPLE A judge has ordered reality TV star Khloe Kardashian to complete a court-imposed course of drug and alcohol classes in the next six weeks after learning she had missed her deadline, **imdb.com** reports.

The Keeping Up With the Kardashians star was handed the sentence, along with a short jail term, when she was convicted of driving under the influence in July.

A Los Angeles court was told on Wednesday Kardashian failed to

complete the course because scheduled dates clashed with holidays when the centre was closed. She has now been given until Nov. 17 to attend the missed lessons and ordered to spend a day working in an L.A.

morgue. Kardashian, 24, has already spent 173 hours in a California jail, stemming from her 2007 arrest.

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Doherty admits to picking wrong men

LOVE Actress Shannen Doherty admits, "I haven't made the best choices in men," in a new interview with Details magazine.

She married George Hamilton's son, Ashley, in 1993 after two weeks of dating. They split seven months later.

But out of all of her past romances, Doherty says she has no regrets over Rick Salomon, who appeared in the infamous Paris Hilton sex tape, **us-magazine.com** reports.

"There was something that Rick provided that was amazing to me," the currently single star tells Details.

Still, she adds, "I look at what he did (with Hilton) and think, 'God, that's disgusting.'"

But during their 2002 marriage (which

was later annulled), "I never had someone make me laugh so much. I was madly in love. It was a really hard marriage. When it ended, it was a heart-crushing thing."

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Legend's prediction was right: Arquette

LOVE Screen legend Bette Davis's prediction that actress Rosanna Arquette would be unlucky in love if she enjoyed career success has been proven correct — 30 years after the prophecy, the star is a triple divorcee, **imdb.com** reports.

Davis gave the actress some words of advice in 1978, when Arquette was 19. Now, after three failed marriages,

she is ready to concede that Davis was correct.

"She told me that you can't have both a love life and a career in pictures at the same time, and it has proven to be true," Arquette says.

Arquette, now 49, wed first husband Anthony Greco in July 1979, but divorced the following year. She then married James Newton Howard but split from him in 1987 after one year together. Her third marriage to John Sidel also ended in divorce. They parted ways after six years and have one child, Zoe, 14.

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All-natural birth for Hart

MOTHERHOOD Actress Melissa Joan Hart was determined to give birth to her second child naturally and ordered her family to stop her demanding pain killers during her labour, **imdb.com** reports.

Hart delivered son Braydon in March, her second son with husband Mark Wilkerson.

"I told my mom and my husband, don't let me have (the drugs)," she tells **Us Weekly**

magazine. "I kinda regret that one. But the thing is, the healing was so much faster. I didn't have to get the drugs out of my system and was moving around a lot more."

"I laboured at home for nine hours and then went to the hospital for an hour and a half — two pushes and he was out."

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Mills not going anywhere

DENIALS Sir Paul McCartney's ex-wife Heather Mills has denied she plans to move to a Caribbean island owned by tycoon Richard Branson, branding the rumour "totally made up," **imdb.com** reports.

Last month, the former glamour model was alleged to be setting up home on Branson's exclusive

Necker Island in a bid to escape the press intrusion in her native Britain.

"Wouldn't that (moving to Necker Island) have been lovely? Where was my daughter supposed to have gone to school? That's totally made up," she says.

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Wedding bells?

Melissa Etheridge plans to legally tie the knot with her longtime partner.

"We're trying to find the right time now to go and do it," Etheridge said. **PEOPLE.COM**

entertainment**31****Celebrity Buzz****"This makes no sense at all..."**

by Joe O'Neill

To use a completely illogical metaphor, the train wreck that is the public life of **Heather Mills McCartney** just keeps chugging right along.

The latest is that Ms. Mills McCartney is denying she has plans to live on an island owned by **Richard Branson** in order to escape the prying eyes and flashbulbs of the press.

Let's examine this 'rumour' that she is denying, shall we?

First, it associates Mills McCartney with Richard Branson.

Second, it implies that she is under so much duress from media scrutiny that an escape to a remote island is necessary.

Given these two findings, I submit that Mills McCartney started the rumour she is now denying.

However, I do sympathize, since she evidently has nothing else to do with her time except count her divorce settlement money and perfect her 'crazy eyes' look in the mirror.

Heck, I'll even participate in Heather's insatiable quest for notoriety by suggesting alternate island locales that might also be considered for her exile. Please tell your friends.

1. Gilligan's Island: Hey, there's a rich guy there. All she has to do is wait for 'Lovey' Howell to die.

2. Greenland: I'm sure the sealhunters and whalers there would be very receptive to Mills McCartney's ideas about how they should support themselves.

3. Thousand Islands: The lone Canadian entry. Hey, there's a thousand of them, so Heather can hide on a different one every day from the throng of media that pursues her.

4. The Island of Dr. Moreau: Perfect. It only exists in fiction, much like Mills McCartney's perception of her own importance, and of the public's interest in her.

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Alba's creative weight loss plan

PEOPLE Actress Jessica Alba has bought clothes a size too small in an effort to spur her into shedding the weight she gained while pregnant, MSNBC reports.

Alba gave birth to daughter Honor Marie in June.

On Sept. 16, Alba dropped \$16,000 US on a new, smaller-sized wardrobe, In Touch reports. Working out is part of the plan,

too. The magazine spoke with her trainer, Ramona Braganza, who says Alba follows a strict diet of low-fat, high-protein foods such as oatmeal, egg whites, fish and brown rice. "Jessica has always preferred healthy food," Braganza told the magazine.

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**Mayer hangin' with the homeboys**

PEOPLE John Mayer has had a reputation as a ladies' man, but these days, he's all about his boys, intouchweekly.com reports.

"Since his breakup with Jennifer Aniston, he isn't into anyone," an insider tells In Touch. Even when the 30-year-old rocker hit N.Y.C. hotspot Tenjune on Sept. 16, he only hung out with guys.

"Lately, he's really only spending time with his longtime friends — even some high school pals," says the insider, adding that they can all be counted on to keep mum about his private life. "He's always just with the people he can depend on. He's even calling them his 'circle of trust.'" An insider says Mayer's "circle of trust" includes comedian Sherrod Small and actor Justin Long.

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**Allen needs help: Friends**

PROBLEMS Singer Lily Allen's friends are urging the singer to go to rehab, perezhilton.com reports.

After a reported few too many recently, Allen's friends are trying to tell her to get help because she allegedly drinks

too much and consequently feels depressed.

"She's now saying she wants to move to L.A. for a fresh start, but we think she's just running away and needs to get help now," a friend says.

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**Marriage for Bundchen, Brady?**

COUPLES Model Gisele Bündchen and her injured Quarterback boyfriend, New England Patriots player Tom Brady, may be walking down the aisle soon, perezhilton.com reports.

Rumours are circulating that a wedding could be

in the future.

"I don't think they will even bother getting engaged — and will just slip off and marry quietly," a close friend of Bündchen tells the Chicago Sun Times.

"I think that's sooner rather than later."

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**celebrity briefs****Fey cashes in with book deal**

PEOPLE 30 Rock creator Tina Fey looks set to cash in on her recent Emmy triumph — she's reportedly been offered a whopping \$6 million US to publish her first book, imdb.com reports. However, the book will not be a memoir — the publication claims it's been pitched as "non-fiction humour, more in the style of author, screenwriter and film director Nora Ephron."

**7th Heaven star on Cloud 9**

MARRIAGE 7th Heaven star Beverley Mitchell married Michael Cameron on Wednesday, People.com reports.

The couple were married in Ravello, Italy. According to sources,

among the 100 guests were Mitchell's former co-star — and bridesmaid — Jessica Biel along with her boyfriend Justin Timberlake.

**Paltrow purges her closet**

CHARITY Gwyneth Paltrow has cleaned out her closet for charity, selling a selection of her designer dresses to raise money for underprivileged kids, imdb.com reports. Paltrow, who lives in London, has decided to sell off all of her unwanted clothes and accessories in aid of British charity the Kids Company.

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